



CHILDMINDING IRELAND

Supporting Ireland's Childminders; Minding Ireland's Children

Childminding Risk Assessment Template

Before Reopening

| Risk | What is the risk | Risk Rating High Medium Low | Control Measures | Actioned Y/N | If no, what actions are required to implement the control? | Date completed |
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| Childminder and Parents will be uninformed about infection control measures | Transmission of Virus to childminder, parents and or children | High | Inform yourself and then create, share and discuss with parents your Infection Control Policy (sample copy available on www.childminding.ie and www.First5.gov.ie) | | | |
| Parents will be uninformed about infection control measures and new practices | Transmission of Virus to childminder, parents and or children | High | Create and agree a new Covid-19 Contract with Parents (sample copy available on www.childminding.ie and www.First5.gov.ie) | | | |

| Adults mixing and not respecting social distancing | Transmission of Virus to childminder, parents and or children | High | Create a Welcome Back area outdoors/garden for drop off/settling in and collection times. Any necessary conversations with parents should take place by the phone. | | | |
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| Appropriate hand hygiene not possible | Transmission of Virus to childminder, parents and or children | High | Handwashing area adequately stocked | | | |
| Once Reopened | | | | | | |
| Risk | What is the risk | Risk Rating High Medium Low | Control Measures | Actioned Y/N | If no, what actions are required to implement the control? | Date Completed |
| Appropriate hand washing and coughing etiquette not practiced | Transmission of Virus to childminder, parents and or children | High | Create heightened awareness around Hand Washing techniques and coughing etiquette with children. Make it a fun activity if possible (e.g. singing along while doing it) Childminding Ireland Handwashing Video | | | |
| Adults mixing and not respecting social distancing | Transmission of Virus between adults | Medium | Restrict any unnecessary visitors to the home during childminding hours. Where it is considered necessary for a parent or guardian to enter the childminding home, e.g. to help settle in a new child, social distancing between the parent/guardian and other adults will be | | | |

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| | | | observed. Keep a record of anyone in the home each day to facilitate Contact Tracing in the event of an episode of infection. | | | |
| Contaminated toys could spread the virus | Transmission of the virus | High | Toys will be cleaned on a daily basis. | | | |
| Virus can survive on surfaces. | Transmission of Virus to childminder, parents and or children | High | Increase the frequency and extent of cleaning regimes and ensure that they include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> regularly touched objects and surfaces, paying particular attention to high-contact areas should be cleaned using a household cleaning product wear rubber gloves when cleaning surfaces Check for updates here | | | |
| Virus can survive on surfaces. | Transmission of Virus to childminder, parents and or children | Medium | Reduce the amount of toys available to the children and rotated on a biweekly basis | | | |
| Children who have <u>not</u> been in contact with a person with COVID-19 | Negligible | Low | No specific measures to follow other than general COVID-19 Guidance https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/ | | | |

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| <p>Children who are well and have been in contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19</p> | <p>Transmission of Virus to childminder, parents and or children</p> | <p>Medium</p> | <p>These people should have been identified as close contacts by Public Health. They need to self-quarantine for 14 days at home restricting their movements and be vigilant of symptoms and phone their GP if they become unwell.</p> | | | |
| <p>If a child starts to feel unwell and develop symptoms: (high temperature - 38 degrees Celsius or above)</p> <p>Cough - this can be any kind of cough, not just dry</p> <p>Shortness of breath or breathing difficulties</p> <p>Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste</p> <p>Symptoms in children include cough, fever, runny nose, sore throat, diarrhoea and vomiting while with a childcare practitioner</p> | <p>Transmission of Virus to childminder, parents and or children</p> | <p>High</p> | <p>The childminder should (a) <u>phone</u> the child's parents /guardians and (b) emergency backup person immediately.</p> <p>If space is available and if it is safe to do so move the affected child 2 metres away from the other children who may be in the house (set up an activity within eye contact distance to engage the other child(ren), Stay with the ill child until support arrives.</p> | | | |

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| <p>If the childminder starts to feel unwell and develop symptoms: cough, fever or shortness of breath, loss or change of smell or taste, while with at work</p> | <p>Transmission of Virus to childminder, parents and or children</p> | <p>High</p> | <p>The childminder will (a) phone the child's parents /guardians and (b) my backup person immediately.</p> | | | |
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Risk Assessment carried out by: (Signed by childminder)

Date: / /