

Risk Acknowledgment By Parent/Legal Guardian

The collective effort and sacrifice of Oakland residents staying at home limited the spread of COVID-19, but community transmission within Oakland continues, including transmission by individuals who are infected and contagious, but have no symptoms. Infected persons are contagious 48 hours before developing symptoms (“pre-symptomatic”), and many are contagious without ever developing symptoms (“asymptomatic”). Pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic people are likely unaware that they have COVID-19.

The availability of childcare is an important step in the resumption of activities. However, the decision by the Health Officer to allow childcare and summer camps for all families at facilities that follow required safety rules, does not mean that attending childcare is free of risk. Enrolling a child in childcare could increase the risk of the child becoming infected with COVID-19. While the majority of children that become infected do well, there is still much more to learn about coronavirus in children, including recent reports of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C).

Each parent or guardian must determine for themselves if they are willing to take the risk of enrolling their child in childcare, including whether they need to take additional precautions to protect the health of their child and others in the household. They should particularly consider the risks to household members who are adults 60 years or older, or anyone who has an underlying medical condition. Parents and guardians may want to discuss these risks and their concerns with their pediatrician or other health care provider. More information about COVID-19, MIS-C, and those at higher risk for serious illness is available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge and understand the contagious nature of COVID-19 and the risks associated with enrolling my child/children in childcare and agree to assume the risks to my child/children and my household. I also agree to follow all safety requirements that the childcare program / summer camp imposes as a condition of enrolling my child.

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Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

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Date

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Name(s) of Child/Children