



March 14, 2020

To whom it may concern:

The order issued by me on March 13, 2020 under my statutory authority as Riverside County public health officer closing educational institutions in the county includes preschools. However, the preschools the order is intended to target are those primarily affiliated with the public school system such as Head Start. Day cares as well as those with a private preschool program not affiliated with any public entity or district, including your facility based on the information you have indicated to the Department of Public Health, are not closed by this order.

Nevertheless, you are still instructed to take all reasonable precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) disease in your facility. Since social distancing is often impractical for very young children, your facility should encourage children to wash their hands frequently, and regularly clean high-touch surfaces, toys and educational aids with regular cleaners. Staff should regularly wash hands and/or use sanitizer stations, as appropriate to your facility, preferably placed at entrances and exits. Class sizes should be minimized or split up and playtimes staggered wherever possible to reduce the number of children in a particular space at one time. Do not allow sick children to take part in activities, and sick staff must not work. Post signage at entrances and exits informing individuals who are ill to not enter the building. Staff or families who have traveled from CDC Level 3 travel advisory countries must complete 14 days of home isolation before returning to your facility.

This letter in no way limits my lawful ability to issue a subsequent order requiring the closure of your facility specifically or any or all county day care or child care facilities should the changing nature of this pandemic merit it, pursuant to the emergency powers of the public health officer under California Health and Safety Code §101040 et seq. If such steps need to be taken, they will be done under a separate order.

Attentively,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cameron Kaiser". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Cameron Kaiser, MD, MPH, FAAFP
Public Health Officer
County of Riverside