



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
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.			
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			

			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 deep cleaned on a daily basis.			
Virus can survive on surfaces.	Transmission of Virus to childminder, parents and or children	High	<p>Increase the frequency and extent of cleaning regimes and ensure that they include:</p> <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	<p>No specific measures to follow other than general COVID-19 Guidance</p> <p>https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/</p>			

Children who are well and have been in contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19	Transmission of Virus to childminder, parents and or children	Medium	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.			
If a child starts to feel unwell and develop symptoms: cough, fever or shortness of breath while with a childcare practitioner	Transmission of Virus to childminder, parents and or children	High	The childminder should (a) <u>phone</u> the child's parents /guardians and (b) emergency backup person immediately. 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.			
If the childminder starts to feel unwell and develop symptoms: cough, fever or shortness of breath while with at work	Transmission of Virus to childminder, parents and or children	High	The childminder will (a) phone the child's parents /guardians and (b) my backup person immediately.			

Risk Assessment carried out by: (Signed by childminder)

Date: / /