



Small Groups

Phase I and Phase II



Infants:

Small groups with low adult -child ratios support quality early care environments and positive caregiver-child interactions. Small group size also fosters secure attachments between infants and their caregivers, which are essential to healthy social and emotional development.

Small group size, as defined for center-based programs and CDC for safety guidelines may include up to four infants (under 12 months of age) with and adult-child ratio. Infants needs to be held. To protect themselves, child caregivers who care for infants should wear.

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Teacher should
wear a long -
sleeved, button
down, oversized
shirt over their
clothing.

2

Teacher should
Wear long hair up or
tied back.

3

Teacher should
Change outer clothing if
body fluids from child
get on it.

4

Teacher Should
Change the child's
clothing if body fluids
get on it.

Infants

Safety Guidelines:

Childcare providers should wash their hands anywhere else the child touched them (such as their neck or arm).

Shared Hands-On Teaching Materials:

Clean and sanitize hands-on materials often and after each use. Limit shared teaching materials to those you can easily clean and sanitize or disinfect. As they tend to put toys in their mouths. Children's books and other paper-based materials are not high risk for spreading the virus. Use separate bins of toys for each infant.

Soft surfaces/ CDC:

For soft surfaces such as carpeted floor, rugs and drapes.

- Clean the surface using soap and water or with cleaners appropriate for use on these surfaces.
- Launder items (if possible) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use the warmest appropriate water setting and dry items completely.



“Wrap infants in a thin blanket when you hold them.”

Ratios:

Age: Recommending Agency & Phase –

Phase I: total 5

6 weeks-12 months

1 teacher-4 infants

Phase II: Total 8

1 teacher-4 infants

Soft barrier in between both groups of 4.

CDC: Babies should NOT wear masks; they can cause suffocation

- Baby's airways are smaller, so breathing through a mask is even harder for them.
- Infants are unable to take the mask off themselves and could suffocate.
- There are NO N95 mask approved for young children.