



Spartan Child Development Center Spring and Summer Safety Guide

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Dear SCDC Community,

In just a few short weeks it will be the one year anniversary of our school closure (March 13th) due to COVID-19. Nationally cases are decreasing and restrictions are slowly being lifted, however, we must remain vigilant in our efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Following our reopening on July 6th, we have only had four confirmed cases of COVID-19 and fortunately, of those cases, there was no spread within SCDC. This could not have been accomplished without the diligent and collaborative efforts of our entire school community, we appreciate everything you have done this past year to keep one another healthy and safe.

As warmer weather is upon us, some may begin to gather in groups or make plans to travel. As we continue in this partnership, we would like to share information to support ongoing efforts of safety outside of SCDC.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Center of Disease Control (CDC), and Michigan State University (MSU) have issued guidance for travel, social gatherings, and other group activities. Please review the guidance from MDHHS, CDC, and MSU below.

[MDHHS Gathering Guidance](#)

[MDHHS Safe Social Pod](#)

[MSU Community Compact](#)

[MSU Travel Guidance](#)

[CDC Guidance for Travel](#)

Key takeaways about **travel** from MSU and the CDC guidelines:

- **Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.**
- Be mindful of COVID-19 cases in your community, as well as those you are thinking of traveling to, in order to reduce the likelihood of spreading COVID-19
- Frequent handwashing, physical distancing, and wearing a mask help to protect you and others from COVID-19
- While domestic travel does not require a mandatory federal quarantine, it is **strongly recommended** that individuals who recently traveled get tested AND self-quarantine for 10-14 days.

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Key takeaways about **gatherings** from MDHSS and the CDC guidelines:

- Outdoor gatherings are less risky than indoor gatherings
- Longer gatherings pose a higher risk than shorter ones
- If you gather, limit the number of attendees to only two households and make sure you have procedures in place for **mask wearing, handwashing, and social distancing** for your attendees
- If you are gathering with more than one household, we strongly urge you to stay home or self-quarantine upon your return or after your gathering.

Other ways to protect our community

- If you are MSU faculty, staff, or student you can join the [COVID-19 Early Detection Program](#)
- Michigan residents can join the [MI COVID Alert](#) to identify cases in the area and possible exposure
- At SCDC, please continue to follow the guidance outlined in the [COVID Preparedness and Response Plan](#)
 - To highlight one area in particular, **“once your child has been picked up, we ask that families refrain from gathering in a single space or large group on the grounds of SCDC. We are working diligently to keep groups separate, this includes before and after school.”**

Let's continue to practice these mitigating measures that have kept our community safe and healthy. If you have any questions, please contact us at 517-353-5154.

Sincerely,


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