

## Program, COVID 19, and Acknowledgment of Risk

The collective effort and sacrifice of Washington residents staying at home limited the spread of COVID-19. But community transmission of COVID-19 within Seattle 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.

We know that the availability of childcare is an important step in the resumption of activities. However, the decision by Governor Inslee and the Department of Health to allow childcare and summer camps for all families at facilities that follow required safety rules, does not mean that attending childcare or summer camp is free of risk. Enrolling a child in childcare could increase the risk of the child becoming infected with COVID-19. The health impacts of COVID 19 are still not fully known or understood, although it is known that there are potentially serious health concerns, including possible fatality.

Each parent or guardian must determine for themselves if they are willing to take the risk of enrolling their child in childcare or summer camp, 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 65 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 or to consult such sources as the Center for Disease Control, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>

The program is conscientious about following health protocols and expects full cooperation in this regard.

I understand the risks associated with enrolling my child in childcare and agree to assume the risks to my child 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 of Child/Children