

Revised Phase Three Child Care Guidance

September 28, 2020



Agenda

Topic/Speaker

Welcome and Introduction (**Kathy Glazer, VECF**)

Presentation on Revised Phase III Guidance (**Jenna Conway and Tara Ragland**)

Q&A

Adjourn

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EARLY CHILDHOOD UPDATE FOR PHASE III
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

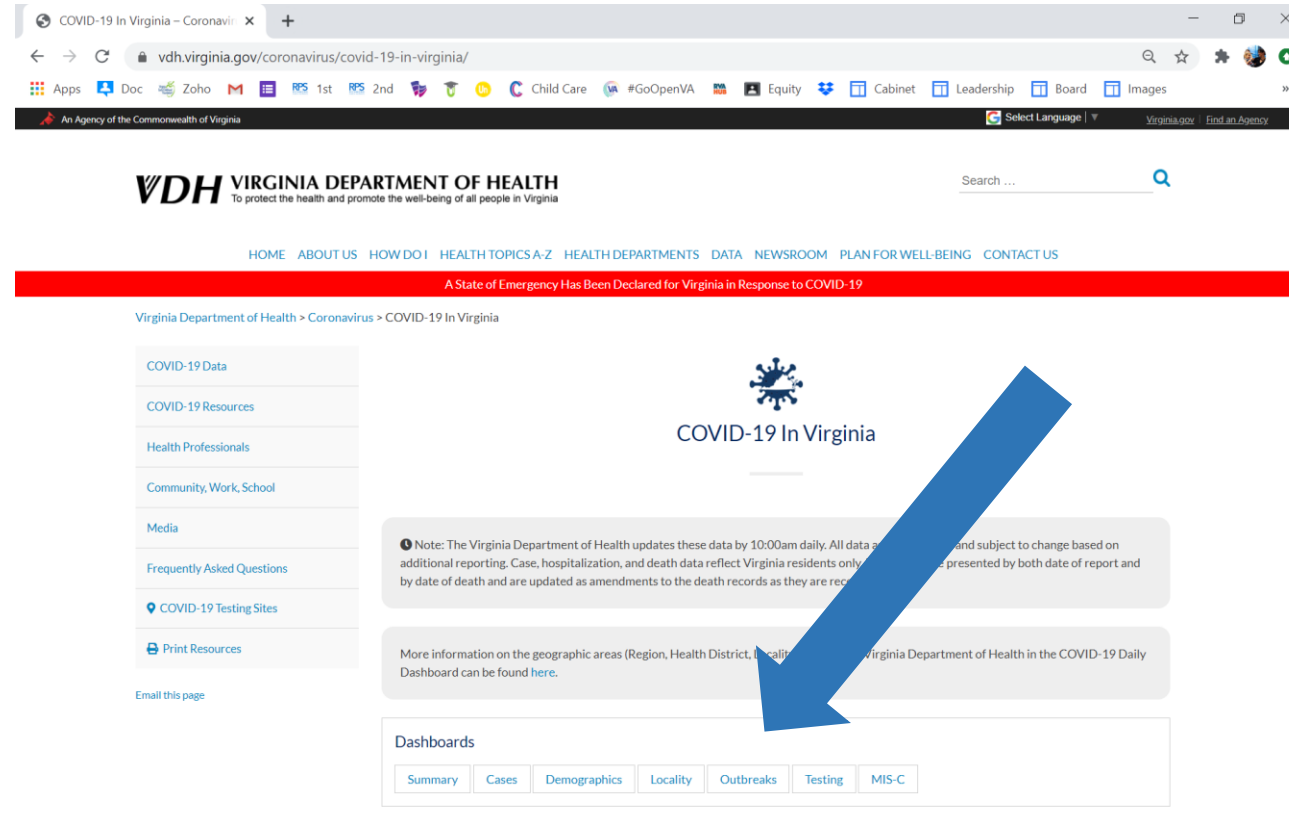
OVERVIEW

- Current Situation
- New Dashboard – Child Care Specific Data
- Key Updates
 - Phase III Updated Guidance:
 - Key Changes for Child Care
 - Group Size Restrictions Lifted
 - Facial Coverings for Staff (per DOLI regulations)
 - Reminder on Key Mitigation Strategies
 - Cleaning and Sanitation
 - Social Distancing
 - Monitoring for Illness
 - Staying Home when Sick

CURRENT SITUATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH

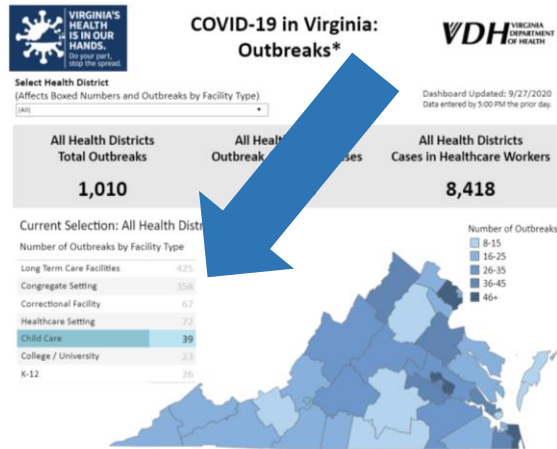
- As of 9/24/2020,
 - 52% of child day centers are now open
 - 53% of religious exempt preschools are now open
 - 87% of family day homes are now open
- Altogether, ~2,008 child care programs are closed - a **loss in capacity of ~153,000.**
- **~900 programs have indicated that they have a reopening date.**
- Half of open providers report making efforts to expand capacity to serve school-age children participating in virtual or hybrid learning
 - VDOE and VDSS issued [joint guidance](#) for school districts and child care programs
- 1,510 programs have been approved for round two of the **CARES Grant**. Yet financial losses experienced far exceed new federal funding available.

NEW DASHBOARD – WHERE TO FIND



<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/covid-19-in-virginia/>

NEW DASHBOARD – CHILD CARE SPECIFIC DATA

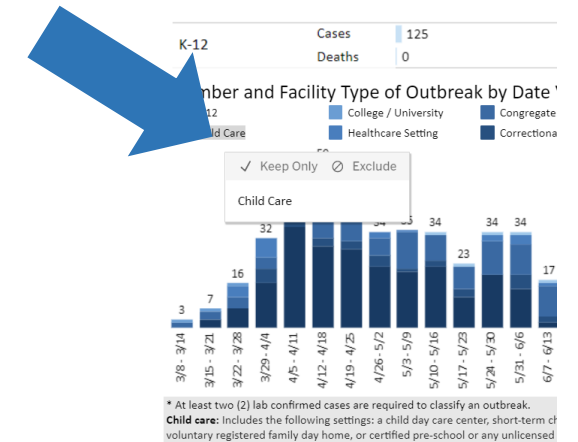


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Cases and Deaths by Outbreak Facility Type - State Totals

Long Term Care Facilities	Cases	10,667
	Deaths	1,575
Correctional Facility	Cases	5,415
	Deaths	23
Congregate Setting	Cases	4,001
	Deaths	52
Healthcare Setting	Cases	594
	Deaths	22
College / University	Cases	1,749
	Deaths	0
Child Care	Cases	214
	Deaths	0
K-12	Cases	125
	Deaths	0

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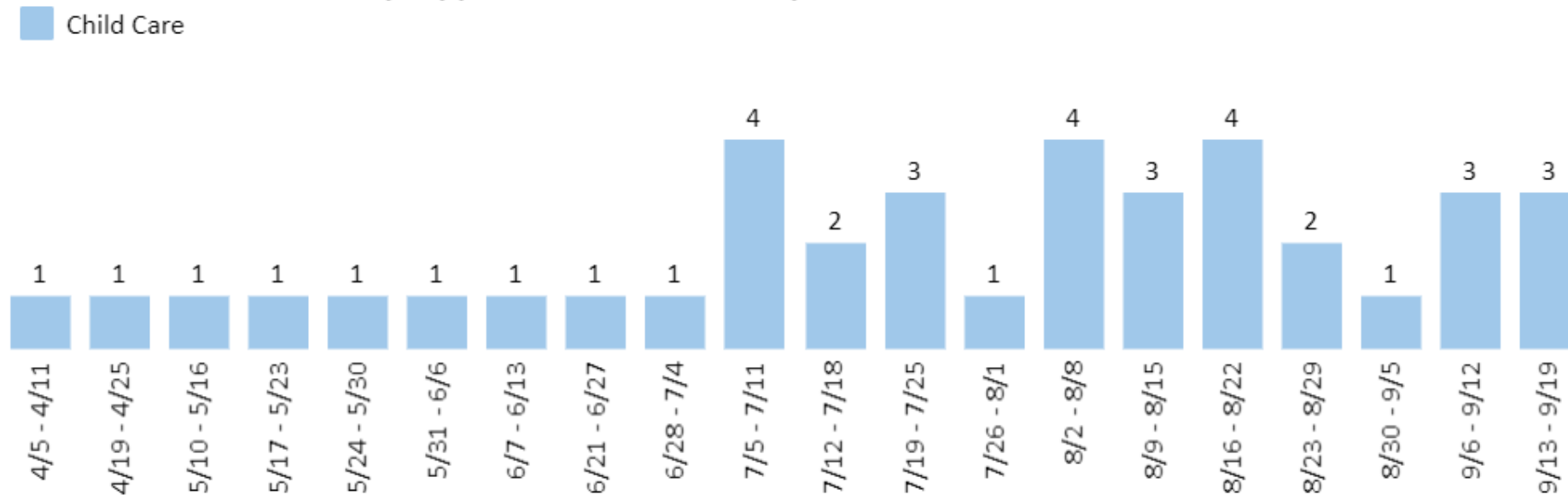
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OVERALL CHILD CARE OUTBREAK DATA

- Since April, a total of 213 cases associated with 39 outbreaks in child care settings with zero deaths have been reported in Virginia

Number and Facility Type of Outbreak by Date VDH Notified



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PHASE III GUIDANCE UPDATE: KEY CHANGES

On September 24, the Department of Social Services updated Phase III guidance for child care and day camps:

1. Group size restrictions lifted
2. DOLI Regulations: Facial coverings for staff
3. Re-emphasizing key strategies to mitigate spread

<https://www.dss.virginia.gov/cc/covid-19.html>

GROUP SIZE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

Effective September 25, recommendations for modified group size for all ages are no longer in effect.

- Programs may resume operations under group size limits set by their license and/or subsidy agreement.
- Programs are expected to continue to adhere to adult:child ratios.

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FACIAL COVERINGS

- Recently issued [regulations](#) from the Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) require staff in child care settings to wear cloth face coverings
- Face coverings are **strongly recommended** for children ages 2 and older

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REMAINING VIGILANT

- Child care programs are doing an incredible job of keeping children and staff safe and healthy
- Updated guidance emphasizes key mitigation strategies:
 - **Cleaning and sanitation procedures**, including hand washing, cleaning and disinfecting high-touch surfaces
 - **Physical distancing**, including maintaining 6 ft of distance, wearing a mask when physical distancing isn't possible, avoiding mixing groups
 - **Monitoring for symptoms of illness** by screening children and staff upon entry and conducting regular health checks
 - Reminding families and staff to **stay home when sick**

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KEY RESOURCES FOR PROVIDERS

- VDSS Child Care website includes [Updated Phase III Guidance](#) and revised [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)
- VDSS will continue to email updates to all providers
- General Assembly is still in Special Session and additional funds may become available to support child care

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Questions?



New Webinar

- Briefing on DOLI Workplace Standards
 - Thursday, October 1 at 12:00pm
[Register Here](#)

