

## **Corona-Virus:**

### **Childcare in children's nurseries and daytime families in the canton of Zug Information for parents and parental guardians**

Dear parent, dear guardian

On Monday, 16th of March 2020, the federal government of Switzerland has decided that the children's nurseries are not affected by the current nationwide "lockdown" in Switzerland. The canton of Zug is rigorously enforcing all federal rules, meaning that the children's nurseries in the canton of Zug remain open.

With reference to the current federal requirements we would like to point out the following:

#### **If at all possible, please organize the care of your child yourself (in private settings).**

Please take note of the following: Persons at high risk<sup>1</sup> are not allowed to take care of your children. Therefore, in most cases grandparents are not an alternative. Please make sure that the constellation of the group of children remains constant. It should be taken care of only very few children at the same time, but in no case more than 5 at once. If possible, please also significantly reduce all contact with other people.

#### **If you take care of your child yourself, meaning that you decide not to send your child to the nursery (or daytime family) under these circumstances, please still continue to pay the fees if possible until further notice.**

As mentioned above, the nurseries have to continue to provide their services. They are not in the situation to offer you any financial alleviations, if you don't send your child to the nursery anymore. Therefore, please continue to pay the according fees, if this is financially possible for you. We are currently in the process of clarifying how these costs will be covered. As this is a problem that does not only affect the canton of Zug but the whole country, there may be a nationwide solution to this financial issue. We will inform you as soon as we have clarification. Until then, we thank you for your understanding and your cooperation. In doing so, you are contributing a great part to the conservation of the children's nursery system of the canton of Zug, even after this crisis.

#### **If you don't have the possibility to take care of your child yourself (in private settings), the children's nurseries will continue to do so.**

According to the federal government's recommendations - which fully align with the ones of the canton of Zug - the groups of children that are being looked after should be as small as possible. If the nursery is no longer able to take care of your child, because of the high number of children, it may occur that the nursery has to prioritize children whose parents work in systemically relevant jobs (for example hospitals, medical practices etc.). Therefore it could happen that due to the lack of capacities in your nursery your child has to be sent to another nursery (different institution) on a temporary basis.

#### **In any case, please adhere to the federal hygiene and conduct rules.**

At all times, the federal hygiene and conduct rules must be respected (keep distance, wash hands frequently etc.). We all know how hard it is to get children to comply with rules, but being adults we can at least do everything possible to ensure that also our children comply with these hygiene and conduct rules.

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<sup>1</sup> According to Art. 10 b para. 2 of the COVID-19-Ordinance 2 persons at high risk are persons aged 65 and over and persons suffering from any of the following diseases in particular: high blood pressure, diabetes, cardio-vascular diseases, chronic respiratory diseases, diseases and treatments that weaken the immune system, cancer.

**For further information please visit the following websites:**

For the canton of Zug  
[www.zg.ch/corona](http://www.zg.ch/corona) and  
[www.zg.ch/sozialamt](http://www.zg.ch/sozialamt).

For the Federal Office of Public Health

<https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/en/home/krankheiten/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov/so-schuetzen-wir-uns.html>

You can also contact the canton of Zug:

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