

Good afternoon MIEA Members,

I hope this email finds you in good health and spirits,

As we move into, this, our second week of mandated school closure, I wanted to share with you a few more questions and answers related to our MOU and resources that are available about District Mandated childcare, professional development, certification and WEA updates. Please keep sending your building reps. and me your questions. We will get back to you with answers as quickly as we can.

Questions and Answers:

What kind of training will people get if we are working at the District childcare? It seems to me that anyone volunteering will need extensive training in:

- disinfecting areas before & after food is consumed
- ensuring children are 6 feet from each other at all times
- our liability if children get closer to each other than 6 feet or don't properly wash hands before/after eating, going to the bathroom, etc.
- creating activities for specific age groups

The District is planning the training as we speak. They have assured me it will be up to date and extensive, and deal with the issues you have listed. If you have volunteered or are assigned to work in the childcare setting, please make sure you feel it is safe for you. If you feel it is unsafe and not following the health department, CDC guidelines, tell the administrator that is in charge, HR, and contact me. Then ask to be let go for the day. I have added links below for your information.

I don't see how we can have groups 9 children (can't be 10 because that would violate Inslee's mandate) remain 6 feet from each other in a classroom. I can see five, but 9 gets difficult.

I have been assured there will be 9 children or less in each room to 1 adult ratio. Unless/until the guideline changes, and then it will be adjusted accordingly. I know the District has capped childcare at 50 children max.

Should we be calling our students on our personal cell phones/personal email address?

NO!!!! Use only the District email and recommended methods of communication.

How often should I check my District email?

Every day right now, twice a day. This week, the state, OSPI and the federal government are still adjusting the guidelines and as that happens, the District is too. Additionally, our District teams are beginning to send out directions for what we need to be doing for our students, Professional Development opportunities, Meetings online etc...please be sure to check email.

Here are some resources for your information:

[Child Care During the Coronavirus Outbreak](#)

Child Care During the Coronavirus Outbreak – Page 6 Bleach Bleach is not a cleaner or a safer disinfectant. It is a caustic with a very high pH and an asthmagen.

www.doh.wa.gov

[Impact schools and child care - King County](#)

Dear Child Care Directors and Providers, On Wednesday, March 4, 2020, Public Health – Seattle & King County announced new recommendations to slow the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Please find a summary on our blog, the Public Health Insider. While we recognize that these ...

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[Public Health Guidance for Childcares – PUBLIC HEALTH INSIDER](#)

As COVID-19 continues to spread in King County, Public Health is asking everyone in our community to take steps to slow the spread of the virus.

publichealthinsider.com

[Checklist for child care administrators: Steps to prevent COVID-19](#)

March 20, 2020 Checklist for Child Care Administrators: Steps to Prevent COVID-19 Task
N/A Completed Date Initials Communication Post signs at entrance and exit regarding avoiding ill people, covering

www.kingcounty.gov

WEA Updates:

Q&A: Coronavirus and our Schools

We've updated the [FAQ](#) on our new COVID-19 web page with information about state assessments and unemployment insurance eligibility for guest educators/substitutes, including retirees.

Message from Larry Delaney now on WEA website

A portion of this morning's email message from WEA President Larry Delaney has been posted on the [WE Are WEA blog](#).

Solidarity with other workers

While we've all been focused on COVID-19 impacts to our students and members, other workers are being hit hard, including up to 90 percent of hospitality workers who now report being out of work. Visit thestand.org to stay up-to-date on other unions that need our solidarity. You can also donate to the [Unite Here Local 8 Education and Support Fund](#) to help local hospitality workers.

Next update Tuesday

We hope you had a nice weekend and recharged for the week ahead. You can expect our next email update Tuesday.

Don't hesitate to contact me or your building/site reps. if you have questions/concerns.

Stay well and informed.

Sincerely,

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