Head Start Forward: COVID-19 Health and Safety Supply List

Head Start programs can refer to this list of supplies and equipment they may need, and tasks they may need to do, to meet health and safety recommendations related to reducing the spread of COVID-19. This list supports the Head Start Forward COVID-19 Health and Safety Checklist for Operating Head Start Programs.

**Supplies**

- Disposable gloves
- Thermometer (touchless, if possible)
- Health screening log
- Face masks (child- and adult-sized)
- Paper bags or plastic containers to store masks while eating or napping
- Smocks for staff
- Face shields and/or other eye protection for staff
- Liquid soap for handwashing
- Paper towels, tissues, and toilet paper
- Hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered disinfectant that is listed on List N Tool: COVID-19 Disinfectants
- EPA-registered sanitizer for food surfaces
- Laundry soap/detergent
- Extra bedding for cots, mats, and cribs
- Microfiber cloths
- Carpet squares, mats, hula hoops, pool noodles, or other visuals for spacing children
- [COVID-19 Risk Reduction Strategies: Posters](https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/health)

**Equipment**

- Extra tables to promote spacing during meals and activities
- Outdoor furniture for children’s meals and staff breaks
- Portable handwashing sink for outdoor areas
- Diaper changing table and paper rolls to line table
- Garbage cans with lids that can be opened by a foot-pedal and garbage can liners
- Portable air filtration device with a high-efficiency particulate absorbing (HEPA) filter
- Vacuum cleaner with HEPA filter
- Dishwasher with a sanitizing cycle
- Washing machine and dryer
- Spray bottles and liquid measuring cup
- Stepping stool for children to reach sink
- Safety locks for keeping hazardous chemicals out of children’s reach

**Facility Tasks**

- Consult a ventilation specialist about heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system upgrades, repairs, and filters.
- Invest in HVAC upgrades and repairs, as needed.
- Repair windows so they can open safely.
- Install window guards.
- Install and/or service bathroom and kitchen exhaust fans that vent to the outdoors.