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**Implementation of resolutions passed by the Ministers President and the Federal
Chancellor on 5 January 2021: regular operations at day-care centres limited to
urgent cases until 31 January 2021**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would first like to wish you and your families a happy and healthy new year – we can now look optimistically towards the future despite a number of challenges on the road ahead. We have all made great sacrifices over the past weeks and months to try and stop COVID-19 from spreading throughout Germany. However, the number of cases is still high. In view of the current situation, the Federal Chancellor and Ministers President decided to extend and tighten the current regulations on 5 January 2021.

This means that day-care centres in Rhineland-Palatinate will continue to limit their regular operations to urgent cases until 31 January 2021. **We urge you to look after your children at home where possible to help promote social distancing.**



We have also encouraged companies to help their employees look after their children at home.

At the same time, we have to remember that many people are currently needed at work to bolster our society and overcome the pandemic together. Children should therefore be able to attend their day-care centre...

- ... if they cannot be looked after at home; or
- ... if this is necessary to promote their welfare.

Day-care centres will remain open to children in such cases.

For more information and administrative notices on regular operations in urgent cases, please refer to Circular No. 75/2020 and Circular No. 05/2021 of the Regional Office for Social Affairs, Youth Welfare and Care, which you will find in the “Kita” section of the following website: www.corona.rlp.de. You can also visit our information pages to find answers to important topical questions about day-care centres in Rhineland-Palatinate.

Even if a day-care centre is operating as normal in urgent cases, children are not allowed to attend the facility if they are showing signs of illness and/or have been in contact with infected people or their contacts. More information on required absences can be found in Section 13 of the Regulations to Combat the Spread of Coronavirus in Rhineland-Palatinate (CoBeLVO).

In accordance with the 15th drafting of the CoBeLVO, which is currently in force, children must stay at home if...

- ... they test positive for coronavirus;
- ... they live in the same household as someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (e.g. parents or siblings); or
- ... they live in the same household as someone who is highly likely to have contracted the virus after being in contact with an infected person (category 1) and is showing coronavirus symptoms (e.g. if a child’s father, mother, brother or sister who lives in the same household has been in contact with an infected person and is now showing symptoms, the child will not be allowed to attend the day-care centre).



Our common goal has to be to keep the virus out of our facilities. We therefore ask all parents and guardians to contact their facility in any of the cases described above – or in case of doubt – to ensure the health and safety of everyone involved. The facility will then decide whether the child is allowed to attend the day-care centre on a case-by-case basis.

In the current situation, we all have to act responsibly and tackle the crisis together. If day-care centres are to operate as normal in urgent cases, we have to show tremendous solidarity to make sure the facilities can stay open for children who urgently need to be looked after during the day. We really appreciate the responsible decisions made by people in this regard and would like to thank everyone who is doing their bit to overcome the pandemic.

In the resolution passed by the Federal Chancellor and Ministers President, they highlighted the importance of day-care facilities and schools for the education of children and for families, as they help parents to balance their work and family life. We appreciate that most of you are currently facing enormous challenges in your everyday lives. As soon as the current restrictions can be safely relaxed, we will fully restore regular operations at the day-care centres and schools in our region for the benefit of children and their families.

We all have the opportunity to play an active role by making responsible decisions and containing the infection rate.

Kind regards,

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