



The Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has evolved over the past few weeks to an increasing public health issue. For adult day centers, there is nothing more important during these days of fluctuating information than providing your participants the assistance they need, and safeguarding your workers from any potential exposure to the virus.

In order to support you, CAADS will be participating on weekly health facility phone calls with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) so that our staff can get the latest information from the Department, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and other state and federal agencies. We have also dedicated a portion of our website for updates on the Coronavirus so that we can provide you with up-to-date information after these calls, as well as other materials and available resources.

Be sure to check CAADS' [website](#) regularly for additional contagious illness guidance and policies for health care providers. In addition, please look for CAADS' regular updates for supplementary and timely information.

As with all contagious illnesses that may be present in the community, below are standard practices that centers should be following:

Keep participants and employees informed.

- Describe what actions the center is taking to protect them, including answering their questions and explaining what they can do to protect themselves and their fellow participants.

Monitor participants and employees for fever or respiratory symptoms.

- Center staff should monitor their local and state public health sources to understand COVID-19 activity in their community to help inform their evaluation of individuals with unknown respiratory illness.

Support proper hand care, as well as cough decorum by participants, visitors, and employees.

- Ensure employees clean their hands according to CDC guidelines, including before and after contact with participants, after contact with contaminated surfaces or equipment.
- Put alcohol-based hand rub throughout the center.
- Make sure tissues are available and any sink is well-stocked with soap and paper towels for hand washing.

Please note: Not all of the public information distributed is specific to CBAS/ADHC. As a best practice, you should be continuing to review information from CDPH, CDA and the CDC. CAADS will continue to monitor your questions and as new information emerges, we will be providing it to our members.