Dear parents,

if a confirmed case of COVID-19 occurs in the daycare center of your child/ren in the next days or weeks, there is no need to panic. Both the daycare center with its hygiene plan and health authorities have fixed procedures for such cases. With this flyer we would like to send you information in advance for this possible case.

If your child is part of the quarantined group, there are a few things you need to be aware of.

Positive Corona case in a daycare center – What happens now?

The following measures apply for protection against the infection and the spreading of the disease:

- Depending on the assessment of the health authorities, either the entire daycare center or the relevant daycare group (“cohort”) is ordered to quarantine. The same applies to the respective educators and other employees in the daycare center. The main aim is to keep the daycare centers open and to keep the required quarantine arrangements within narrow limits. Therefore, the duration of the quarantine can vary in individual cases. In general, the quarantine period is 14 days.

- The daycare center will notify you that you may have to pick up your child. Please collect your child promptly and if possible, avoid using public transport on the way from the daycare center to your home.

- The health authorities identify further contact persons for the infected person and define the necessary measures (such as necessary tests to shorten the quarantine period). If the health authorities plan to test your child and you do not want this test, you must adhere to a 14-day home quarantine-period in any case.

My child is in quarantine – What parents need to know:

- The health authorities will contact you by phone and inform you about the necessary measures.

- Quarantine is very important in order to prevent the virus from spreading further in the population and to protect people who are particularly at risk. The guidelines of the health authorities must be followed, even if you do not show any symptoms.
• Look out for the following symptoms:
  • Fever, cough, general fatigue / tiredness, runny nose, sore throat, headache and body aches, changes in the sense of smell and taste.
• Report symptoms to the health authorities immediately. The health authority is in contact with you during the quarantine period.

My child is in quarantine – What parents need to know?

If quarantine at home has been ordered for a child, a parent or another suitable person must look after the child at home. We recommend talking to your child about it and explain the situation to him or her in age-appropriate words. It should also be explained to the child why certain measures currently need to be carried out and why for example visits from friends, grandparents or other caregivers are not possible at this time.

During home quarantine, it is important that your child still can move and play. For example you can paint with your child, solve puzzles, romp, sing or dance. If there is a garden, you can of course also use it. Further game ideas for home have been put together on the website of the Ministry of Social Affairs, Integration and Gender Equality and can be found under the following link:

www.regierung-mv.de/Landesregierung/sm/Service/Corona/Tipps/

You can find more information about quarantine on the Robert Koch Institute website: www.rki.de

and the State Office for Health and Social Affairs Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania:

www.lagus.mv-regierung.de

Further information and recommendations

• Recommendation: Contact your employer and discuss how to proceed with him or her. In such cases, some employers voluntarily release employees from work as a precautionary measure.

• The legal situation only provides for a quarantine notice for people who have had direct contact with a SARS-CoV–2 positive person – i.e. not for parents in this case. The quarantine order can be issued by notification or by means of a general ruling.

• If you have to look after your child at home and lose your earning as a result, you can apply for compensation through your employer.

For more information, please visit www.ifsg-online.de or write a request by email to soziales.entschaedigungsrecht@lagus.mv-regierung.de

If you have any further questions on the topic, the hotline for citizens in your district / urban district is available.

You can find the hotline number for your district in the following list:

Landeshauptstadt Schwerin:
Citizen phone of the city administration of Schwerin for general questions: Tel.: 0385 545-3333
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 09:00 to 15:00
Wednesday and Friday 09:00 to 13:00

Hansestadt Rostock:
Tel.: 0381 381 1111
Monday to Friday 08:00 to 16:00

Landkreis Rostock:
Tel.: 03843 755 6 9999
Monday to Friday 08:00 to 16:00

The health authority may issue an oral order for quarantine at short notice. You will then receive the written order. The quarantine instructions must be strictly observed. Please note: Violations of the ordered quarantine can be punished with a fine!