

Risk Acknowledgement by Parent/Legal Guardian

The collective effort and sacrifice of San Francisco residents staying at home limited the spread of COVID-19. But community transmission of COVID-19 within San Francisco continues, including transmission by individuals who are infected and contagious, but have no symptoms. Infected persons are contagious 48 hours before developing symptoms (“pre-symptomatic”), and many are contagious without ever developing symptoms (“asymptomatic”). Pre-symptomatic and asymptomatic people are likely unaware that they have COVID-19.

The availability of childcare, summer camp, Out of School Time (OST) programs, and TK-12 schools is an important step in the resumption of activities. However, the decision by the Health Officer to allow childcare, summer camp, OST programs, and TK-12 schools at facilities that follow required safety rules, does not mean that attending childcare, summer camp, OST programs, and/or TK-12 schools is free of risk. Enrolling a child in childcare, summer camp, OST programs, and/or TK-12 schools could increase the risk of the child becoming infected with COVID-19. While the majority of children that become infected do well, there is still much more to learn about coronavirus in children, including from recent reports of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C).

Each parent or guardian must determine for themselves if they are willing to take the risk of enrolling their child in childcare, summer camp, OST programs, and TK-12 schools, including whether they need to take additional precautions to protect the health of their child and others in the household. They should particularly consider the risks to household members who have a higher risk of severe COVID-19 illness. Parents and guardians may want to discuss these risks and their concerns with their pediatrician or other health care provider.

More information about COVID-19 and MIS-C, is available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-to-know/who-is-at-risk.html> for a list of groups at higher risk for severe COVID-19.

I understand the risks associated with enrolling my child in childcare, summer camp, OST programs, and/or TK-12 schools, and agree to assume the risks to my child and my household. I also agree to follow all safety requirements that the City and County of San Francisco and the Mechanics' Institute and its programs imposes as a condition of enrolling my child. I hereby release, discharge, and agree to hold harmless Mechanics' Institute, its heirs, legal representatives, or assigns, and all persons, from any liability arising from COVID-19 infection or complications from outbreaks.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Name of Child/Children