

March 15, 2020

Information for parents

about the ordered closing of all day care centers (Kindertagesstätten) in Berlin because of the current corona pandemic

**Dear parents,
dear Sir or Madam,**

because of the current corona pandemic, Berlin senate has ordered the **closing of all day care centers (Kindertagesstätten) from Tuesday, March 17, 2020 until and inclusive of Friday, April 17, 2020**. The care and supervision of your child will be intermitted during this period.

The Senate Department for Education, Youth and Family is aware of the consequences of this decision for your personal situation. Nevertheless, we ask for your understanding because of this exceptional situation concerning the society as a whole. This action should help to counteract the expansion of the corona virus by reducing social contact.

For **exceptional cases** there will be an **emergency care** in your trusted day care center.

The emergency care can only be made use of by parents, who work in fields that are categorized as relevant to the system by the senate, and who have no other option to provide care for the child or children. **Both criteria have to be met.**

In view of the essential reduction of social contacts we call upon you to only make use of the emergency care if absolutely necessary.

In order to claim an emergency care, an **affirmation by the parents** is necessary. You will be provided with a **form** in which you will also find a list of professions relevant to the system. You can find the form in English language as well as further information also on our homepage (<https://www.berlin.de/sen/bjf/coronavirus/aktuelles/>).