

Transitional Ratio and Group Size

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, child care ratio and group size requirements have been reduced.

Effective May 31, 2020, child care programs will be able to reopen under the following ratio and group size requirements. Each child care space will be limited to one group of children but will allow for additional teachers as needed for that group of children. Programs are encouraged to keep the same teachers in their assigned space for consistency and to reduce the spread of germs.

As a reminder, each program may not exceed the capacity listed on its child care license and all employee/staff and resident documentation must be on file as required in rule and noted on the technical assistance document located here: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/cdc/docs/StaffRequirementsOct2017.stm>

Child Care Centers and Approved Day Camps

For child care centers, if a classroom has a mixed age grouping, the ratio for the youngest child must be followed. If more than one child 2 ½ years of age or older is permanently assigned to a group in which all other children are in the next older age group, the staff/child ratio and group size is determined by the older children.

Age of Children	Ratio	Maximum Number of Children in Room
Infants	At least 1 teacher to 4 children or at least 2 teachers to 6 children	6 children
Toddlers	At least 1 teacher to 6 children	6 children
Preschool Children	At least 1 teacher to 9 children	9 children
School-Age children	At least 1 teacher to 9 children	9 children

Type A Home Providers

At least one teacher to 6 children, no more than 3 children under age 2. If there is more than 1 group of six children, each group must be in its own room including during naps and meals.

Type B Home Providers

At least one teacher to 6 children, no more than 3 children under age 2.

Itinerant Staff and Other Individuals

The state recognizes that some programs may have additional adults who provide services to enrolled children, such as mental health or itinerant services. Programs are encouraged to determine if they can successfully continue with these additional services including revised procedures that can be implemented to ensure the health and safety of all children in that room.

At this time, programs are discouraged from continuing with any other extra-curricular activities that allow for individuals in the program such as gymnastics, art or computer classes.