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AGREEMENT WITH CARE PROVIDERS, LABOR UNIONS AND PARENTS ASSOCIATIONS

CDCs in Rhineland–Palatinate will resume regular Operations effective August 1

Many parents and children have been waiting for this news since months: effective August 1 children can go back to their CDCs. But there are restrictions.

A prerequisite for return to CDC everyday life is “that infection numbers will remain on the currently low level and that everyday hygiene provisions within the installations will be accommodated to corona pandemic”, stated the Ministry of Education on Monday. ‘Forest kindergartens’ and smaller facilities with only one group are to return to their previous size of operation.

Groups with up to 25 Children are authorized again

According to the ministry and effective immediately all other facilities may organize groups of up to 25 children again, provided that hygiene conditions allow for that. This is provided by an agreement found by the ministry in consonance with child care providers, labor unions and parents’ representatives.

In the beginning of June regular operations started in facilities with restrictions and children's temporary visits were coordinated for each child. A maximum of 15 children may be taken care of simultaneously. Secretary of Education Stefanie Hubig (SPD) spoke of a "good day for our families with CDC children." All responsible persons "have taken another important step for more CDC and thereby for more alleviation of the families and for more pre-school education for our youngest."

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