

CONSIDERATIONS FOR IN-HOME CHILD CARE DURING COVID-19

The following recommendations are for those **NOT** utilizing a live-in nanny

1. The child care provider is from Benton County (or whatever county you live in)
2. The more you know the person the better, especially in terms of how responsible and reliable the person is
3. There will be minimal to no control on what your provider does in their spare time, or whom they have physically (i.e., in close distance) interacted with. One thing you may consider is to ask them to wear a facial mask while indoors. The idea is a combination of mask-distance; when safe distance is not feasible, put on a facial mask. This measure may be relaxed or removed if Benton County's (or the county you live in) daily new cases is down to 0 for at least 14 consecutive days
4. Special hygiene-safety measures when they take your children outside of your home. Keep safe distance from other children (unless your children have been physically interacting with them during the pandemic); do not let your child touch their mouth/nose/eyes; separate outdoor clothing and shoes from indoor (the same requirement for the child care provider); and hand-washing upon returning to home, etc
5. During your interview with each potential child care provider, explain in detail the safety-hygiene measures you expect when in your home and with your children. You can explain the additional hygiene-safety measures are because of the pandemic

