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COVID-19 Resources

DHS

<https://dhs.iowa.gov/childcare-covid-19>

HCCI

<https://www.idph.iowa.gov/hcci/products>

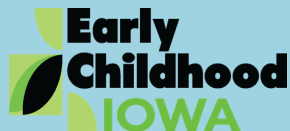
CCR&R

<https://iowaccrr.org/providers/links/resources2020/>

CDC

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Call your Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC) if you have any questions about child health and safety, or any special training needs.



<https://earlychildhood.iowa.gov/>

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Poison Prevention

1-800-222-1222 Many of you probably will recognize this very important number. It is the Poison Control number that is always answered by a nurse or pharmacist available 24/7 in the United States, no matter where you live, work or vacation. Poison Centers provide confidential guidance on how to handle any situations related to toxic substances. These experts help save lives every day.

Accidental poisonings happen. In Iowa, over 24,207 human exposure cases were reported in 2020. Due to Covid-19 in 2020 there was an increase in hand sanitizer and disinfectant cases reported. Please be sure to review best practices in Caring For Our Children (CFOC) on hand sanitizers and storing chemicals to prevent accidental poisoning (link below). To help prevent accidental poisoning, poison prevention is key! Since young children tend to be very curious about their surroundings, it is important to keep your home or center safe from a potential exposure to toxic substances. To learn more safety tips visit <https://www.iowapoisson.org/> click [here](#).

It is required to post the **Poison Help 1-800-222-1222 number** by the phone or added as a contact in your cell phone to be able to quickly contact an expert. This number should be called for advice about any exposure to toxic substances or potential poisoning as soon as possible after exposure. *Keep in mind if it is an emergency situation, please call 911 immediately.* If you would like to order free stickers or bulk poison prevention materials click [here](#).

Below are just a few examples that may occur in early childhood settings on when to call Poison Control for advice:

- ◆ An extra dose of medication, or wrong medication was given to a child
- ◆ Child swallows bleach or another type of chemical
- ◆ Child eats a berry from a bush or eats a mushroom in the playground and you don't know if it is poisonous

For more information on ways to keep children safe visit CFOC click [here](#). To add the Poison Control number to your cell phone see the box above.

National Poison Prevention Week (NPPW) is March 20-26, 2022

Please help to spread the word to families on Poison Prevention and the 1-800-222-1222 help line.

In Iowa, over 90% of poison exposures to children < 5 years old are safely managed at home (on site).

Parents can order a free home poison prevention packet (one sticker and magnets included) at <https://www.iowapoisson.org/prevention/order-a-home-packet> click [here](#).

Poison control at your fingertips.

Text **POISON** to **797979** to add poison control as a contact in your mobile phone.



National Brain Injury Awareness Month is March

Spring is nearing and tricycles and other wheeled equipment will be brought out of winter storage soon. Helmets help to prevent brain injuries from falls and is a best practice. CFOC standard states "All children one year of age and over should wear properly fitted and approved helmets while riding toys with wheels (tricycles, bicycles, etc.) or using any wheeled equipment (rollerblades, skateboards, etc.). Helmets should be removed as soon as children stop riding the wheeled toys or using wheeled equipment. Approved helmets should meet the standards of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)" For more information on the helmet standard visit CFOC <https://nrckids.org/CFOC> For Brain Injury Association information visit <https://www.biausa.org/>