



## **DIRECTIONS BY SUPREME COURT TO ENSURE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN IN CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS DURING COVID-19**

- To acknowledge that for children it is natural to feel stress, anxiety, grief, and worry during the pandemic.
- Reassure the children that they are safe.
- Encourage children to connect with each other and to talk with people they trust, about their concerns and feelings.
- Avoid going through too much news about COVID-19 and persuade children to divert their attention to other topics.
- Try to continue with the regular routine maintained in the home, with minimal disruptions.
- Spend time with children preferably doing activities they enjoy.
- Violence, including sexual and gender-based violence may be exacerbated in contexts of anxiety and stress due to COVID-19. Do not use corporal punishment /violence to discipline children.
- Guide students on how to support their peers and prevent exclusion and bullying.
- Work with the health staff/social workers/counsellors to identify and support children and the CCI staff who exhibit signs of distress.
- Ensure that no staff or child is subject to any form of stigmatizing words or behaviour arising due to coughing, sneezing, etc
- Encourage and support children to take care of their bodies
- Work with social service systems to ensure continuity of critical services that may take place in CCIs



## PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR CCIS AS DIRECTED BY THE SUPREME COURT

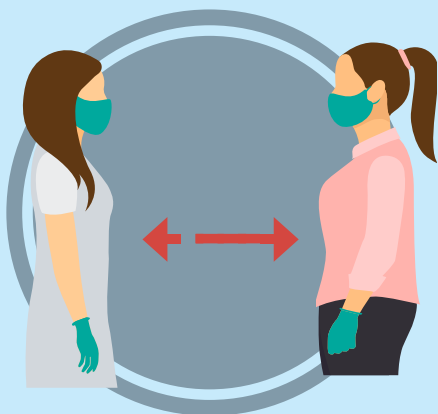
In order to prevent children and staff members in CCIs from getting infected by COVID 19, Persons in Charge of CCIs shall:



Know and make  
known how COVID 19  
spreads



Take necessary steps to  
practice, promote and  
demonstrate positive  
hygiene behaviours and  
monitor their uptake



Practice social distancing



Cleaning and disinfecting  
rigorously



## RESPONSIVE MEASURES FOR CCIS AS DIRECTED BY THE SUPREME COURT

In case children or staff at the CCI show any symptoms like fever, cough and shortness of breath the Persons in Charge of CCIs shall ensure these measures:



Conduct Regular  
Screening



Health Referral system  
to be followed



Quarantine



Planning in advance for  
emergency situations.

## **HELPLINE NUMBERS PROVIDED TO THE CCI IN THE DIRECTIONS ISSUED BY THE SUPREME COURT**

- The Health Ministry has set up new National Helpline on COVID-19 1075 and 1800112545. In case of any queries or clarifications related to Coronavirus pandemic, you can call on this number.
- Childline 1098 continues to be operational.
- In the case of staff or children with symptoms, call the helplines above mention and or a local doctor.