

## **Dear parents and guardians!**

Even in these challenging times, it is particularly important to us as GiP to communicate quickly and transparently and to keep you up to date with the latest developments regarding COVID-19.

Since the beginning of the childcare year, we have taken numerous steps and measures to accompany you and your child, but also our colleagues, through the autumn and winter in the best possible way.

### **You will find an appendix for current events:**

- Procedure for children with COVID-19 symptoms of the Ministry of Education
- Current COVID-19 traffic light for elementary educational institutions of the Ministry of Social Affairs

**Attention! In GiP crèches and kindergartens, parents and guardians as well as all external persons are obliged to wear mouth and nose protection at all times (even during a GREEN traffic light!).**

Within the GiP, a COVID 19 management team was put together, which, under external, professional supervision and in coordination with all authorities (the province of Styria, the city of Graz and the municipalities), compiled a manual describing all processes and ensuring fast, correct and successful action.

In this context, it is important to point out **that you are obliged to report any suspicion concerning you or your child to us (through your family doctor or 1450), preferably and most quickly to the management of your institution!**

This is the only way we can quickly break through any chains of infection and continue to ensure that the day nursery and kindergarten routine runs more or less normally.

It is essential that you inform us if the test is positive or if the respective health authority has already issued a notification of separation. Please also send this to the respective institution's address.

We will of course treat this information confidentially.

We ask for your active support by keeping your children at home when they feel ill.

If the children are in one of our facilities and relevant symptoms occur which substantiate the suspicion of an infection with the coronavirus, the children will be spatially isolated and you as a parent will be informed immediately!

You pick up your son / daughter at the facility (no use of public transport or taxi) and contact the authorities via 1450. The hotline will inform you about the further procedure. You as a parent should inform the management about the decision of the authorities (quarantine, testing, result of the testing) as soon as possible.

On the following homepage you will find further general information regarding the handling of the coronavirus: [www.bmbwf.gv.at](http://www.bmbwf.gv.at)

You can find the current traffic light colour for your district at [www.corona-ampel.gv.at](http://www.corona-ampel.gv.at).

**Should you have any further specific questions, please do not only contact our head of the institution but also our Covid-19 representative of the GiP, Ms Lisa Stern on 0316/34 84 48-33 and Mr Bernhard Seidler on 0699/15777502 or at [verwaltung-kbe@gip.st](mailto:verwaltung-kbe@gip.st)!**

As soon as we as the responsible body for child education and care institutions receive new information and packages of measures or notifications, we will inform you again in this way!

We wish you and your children all the best,

With best regards

Your GiP-COVID 19 Management Team

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