

SAFE AT HOME H1N1 Policy

Safe At Home will provide child care to children with H1N1, but service may be limited, due to availability of staff.

All parents of children experiencing severe symptoms including cough, fever, fatigue, sore throat, chills, headaches, body aches possibly along with diarrhea and vomiting, should contact their child's physician.

H1N1 is causing great concern because it is a virus strain that many people, especially younger people, have not been exposed to before and thus have not built up an immunity response. This is causing a rapid spread of the virus from human to human world-wide.

Procedures

All actions will be taken to protect our childcare providers and the clients they service.

Safe At Home is taking precautions by providing our caregivers with face masks, hand sanitizer, and gloves. Caregivers can use these supplies as needed for any sick children who have not been diagnosed with H1N1 or have not been seen by their physician.

Our caregivers are:

- Instructed to wash their hands often with soap and warm water and use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wear a face mask when needed to help prevent spreading the virus to others.

Safe At Home has offered the seasonal flu vaccination to all their employees and is awaiting their supply of the H1N1 vaccine. All employees will be encouraged to receive one.