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## Letter to parents: Bridge projects

### Information about the framework conditions for opening the bridge projects

Bridge projects are able to open again from 14/05/2020. Bridge projects are low-threshold childcare services which facilitate the path to institutional day care facilities for children and their parents. The target groups are children in the pre-school age group from refugee families and comparable living situations and their families (refugees from different countries, including from other European countries, asylum seekers etc.).

In the context of the current situation owing to the coronavirus pandemic, however, these projects can only take place under special conditions.

The project agencies are responsible for deciding whether they can open from 14/05/2020 under the new conditions. There is no guarantee that the offers will be opened and carried out to the usual extent. We ask for your understanding in this matter. The conditions listed below serve to further reduce the incidence of infection and to protect children, parents and particularly employees from the possibility of being infected.

#### **1. Children and parents who would like to use the bridge projects,**

1.1 may not show any symptoms of disease,

- 1.2 may not knowingly come into contact with infected persons, unless 14 days have passed since their contact with the infected person and they have shown no symptoms of the disease,
- 1.3 must take the protective measures specified on the basis of the coronavirus entry regulations of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia valid at the time of entry into the Federal Republic of Germany.

## **2. Maximum number of children and parents in the bridge projects**

A maximum of ten children – with the participation of one parent, depending on the offering – may participate in the bridge project.

Each agency is responsible for deciding whether previous groups can be split up or whether not all children and parents can attend each appointment. If there are restrictions compared to the previous offering, we appeal to your understanding and willingness to cooperate.

## **3. Contact tracing**

Before participating in the bridge project, you must provide the contact details of all the persons involved from your family so that any chains of infection can be traced. The agency or child day care workers will make this data available to the health authorities at short notice if necessary.

## **4. Minimum distance rule**

For the implementation of the bridge project, a distance rule of at least 1.5 metres categorically applies for all adults. The decision about wearing face masks covering the mouth and nose within the scope of the bridge projects lies with the agency or day care worker. This applies to the employed staff as well as to the parents.

## **5. Hygiene instructions for children and parents**

Coronaviruses are primarily transmitted via droplets. It is therefore important to reduce the risks of infection as far as possible. An important element in doing so is to adhere to hygiene measures in the bridge projects.

That's why it's important for you as parents to adhere to the hygiene rules yourselves, but also to practise these with your children in a way that is appropriate for their age and development, and to use them in the bridge project.

In doing so, the following rules of conduct should be observed in particular:

- Wash your hands often and very thoroughly. Please always use soap when washing your hands.
- If you need to cough or sneeze, please do so into your elbow.
- Use paper tissues. Throw used tissues directly into a rubbish bin with a closed lid.

You can find more tips and information on this on the following websites:

<https://www.mags.nrw/coronavirus>

<https://www.infektionsschutz.de/hygienetipps>

<https://www.waschen-wie-walter.de>

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