

**To all parents of children in
Berlin day care centres**

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Additional information on the extended children's sickness benefits

Dear parents,
dear Madam or Sir,

with an addition to the Infection Protection Act that came into effect on 23 April, the right to obtain children's sickness benefit for 2021 will be extended even more. The entitlement to children's sickness benefit increases from 20 days per parent and child to 30 days and therefore for parent couples per child to 60 days. Similarly, the entitlement per child for single parents doubles from 30 to 60 days. If there is more than one child, the entitlement is a maximum of 65 days per parent, and a maximum of 130 days for single parents.

Entitlement to the child sickness benefit that is extended due to the pandemic does not only apply if one's own child is sick, but also if childcare is required at home because the day care centre is closed due to the pandemic or individual day care centre groups are in quarantine.

Central email-account (also for documents with an electronic signature): post@senbjf.berlin.de



Generally, those who are entitled to emergency childcare are also entitled to child sickness benefit, if they care for their children at home, as we generally recommend. The children's sickness benefit will continue to amount to up to 90 per cent of the net salary that was lost.

You can apply for children's sickness benefit at your health insurance provider. You can also get the relevant application forms there. The health insurance provider possibly may ask you to submit a form by your day care centre. A sample form is attached. We have asked the day care centres to provide you with this form if is needed.

You can find further information on the extended child sickness benefit at:

<https://www.bmfsfj.de/bmfsfj/fragen-und-antworten-zu-kinderkrankentagen-und-zum-kinderkrankengeld-164976>

If you are not eligible (e.g. as a privately insured person), you can alternatively claim compensation according to § 56 para. 1a of the infection protection law (IfSG).

Further information on this can be found at:

<https://www.berlin.de/sen/finanzen/service/entschaedigung/schulschliessung/artikel.935438.php>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the parents' hotline of the Senate Department for Education, Youth and Family Affairs. You can reach the hotline at 030 - 90227 6600 every working day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of

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