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Starting Monday the 16th. March 2020 initially until 19 April 2020 Prohibition to enter day-care facilities.

Dear Parents, dear Mothers, dear Fathers
Dear Guardians

Due to the spreading coronavirus, the state government has decided that from Monday 16 March 2020, the children will be forbidden to enter day-care facilities. Children up to school age are not allowed to enter day-care centers, day-care nurseries, therapeutic day-care centers or "childcare in special cases" (bridge projects).

Excluded are children whose legal guardians or guardians carers have an indispensable key function and cannot provide their own childcare.
Further information can be found in the letter "Information for parents to prove emergency care".

In day-care centres and childcare facilities, there are numerous contacts between the children and the care staff. According to current knowledge, children do not suffer severely from COVID-19. However, they can be carriers of SARS-CoV-2 just like adults without showing symptoms. At the same time, children are particularly vulnerable. The risk of transmission is particularly high at children, as child behavior regularly involves spontaneous close physical contact between children. The observance of disciplined hygiene labels (see the BzGA "Virus infection hygiene protects!") is also dependent on age and the possibility of assuming (personal)responsibility and therefore still requires developmentally support from adults in the case of children.

This support cannot always be guaranteed uninterruptedly by the carers in day-care facilities and day-care centres with a large number of children. This increases the risk of infections spreading within the institution and being carried home to the families. For these reasons, after weighing up all circumstances, a general order is necessary to prevent the spread of infection.

Further and ongoing information is available on the website:

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