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MEMORANDUM

TO: Child Care Providers
FROM: Office of Child and Family Services
DATE: April 22, 2020
SUBJECT: Additional Guidance from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Child Care

SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS OCFS RESPONDS TO RAPIDLY CHANGING ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

The Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) received updated guidance, specifically for child care providers that remain open, from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Summary of recent changes:

- Includes additional options for screening children upon arrival to ensure that children who have a fever or other signs of illness are not admitted to the facility.
- The additional options may be useful when personal protective equipment (PPE) is in short supply.

The expanded guidance includes information regarding:

- Implementing social distancing strategies
- Intensifying cleaning and disinfection efforts
- Modifying drop off and pick up procedures
- Implementing screening procedures at arrival

Food Preparation and Meal Service Guidance includes:

- If meals are typically served family-style, instead plate each child's meal so that multiple children are not using the same serving utensils.
- Food preparation should not be done by the same staff who diaper children.
- Ensure staff and children wash hands prior to meals and immediately following eating.

We encourage all providers to carefully review the guidance at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html#open>