Dear Providers,

In response to COVID-19, the Department of Children and Families, Office of Child Care Regulation, recommends all childcare providers follow the guidelines listed below:

- Prohibit any person except the following from accessing an operation: operation staff; persons with legal authority to enter, including law enforcement officers, Child Care Licensing staff, and Department of Children and Families protective services staff; professionals providing services to children; children enrolled at the operation; and parents or legal guardians who have children enrolled and present at the operation.
- Ensure that each child is provided individual meals and snacks.
- Do not serve family style meals.
- Require pickup and drop-off in the lobby/entry way of the operation, unless it's determined that there is a legitimate need for the parent to enter an operation. For example, meet the parent at the pickup area and escort the child to the parent.
- Before allowing entry into the operation, screen all individuals listed above and deny entry to any person who meets any of the following criteria through verbal survey:
  - Do you have a fever of 100.4 or higher?
  - Have you had any respiratory infection, or have had a cough, shortness of breath, and low-grade fever?
  - In the previous 14 days, have you had any contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19; is under investigation for COVID-19; or is ill with a respiratory illness?
  - In the previous 14 days, have you traveled on a cruise or internationally to countries with widespread, sustained community transmission?

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