Child Care Providers: How to Stop the Spread of COVID-19

Implement Social Distancing Practices.
☐ Keep children in small groups.
☐ Maintain children in the same groups each day.
☐ Limit the intermingling of groups of children (i.e. staggering playground times, etc.).
☐ Position children during nap times at least 6 feet apart, if feasible, and consider placing them head to toe to reduce transmission.

Modify Child Drop Off and Pick Up.
☐ Communicate updated procedures to families.
☐ Consider staggering arrival and dropoff times to limit direct contact with parents/guardians.
☐ Have childcare providers greet children outside the facility as they arrive.
☐ Have children wash their hands upon arrival before touching anything else.

Implement Screening Procedures for Staff and Children.
☐ It is important that any staff or child with a fever or signs of illness stay home – children with a temperature over 100.4 degrees should not enter your facility.
☐ Conduct daily health checks of staff and children in a safe and respectful manner.
  Screening method examples, like temperature checks and symptom checks, are located on the CDC’s website.
☐ Be consistent about sending children and staff home should symptoms arise after arrival.

Intensify Cleaning and Disinfecting at Your Facility.
☐ Routinely clean, sanitize, and disinfect surfaces and objects that are frequently touched.
☐ Limit access to toys and set aside toys that have been in a child’s mouth and sanitize them before placing them back in the play area.
☐ Remove toys that cannot be easily cleaned from the play area, like stuffed animals or other cloth toys.
☐ Ensure that staff and children are washing their hands frequently.
☐ Place trash cans in every open room.
☐ Closely monitor cleaning supplies.

Implementing a Personal Protective Equipment Policy.
☐ Have staff and older children wear face masks when feasible. Face coverings should NOT be placed on children 2 and under as it poses a suffocation risk.
☐ Continue to teach children to wash their hands and practice social distancing.