OPERATION READINESS
IMPLEMENTING NEW CHILD CARE GUIDELINES
TODAY’S AGENDA

• SCREENING AND ADMITTANCE
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All centers shall screen staff and children for fever and other COVID-19 symptoms prior to entry to the program facility each day. Children and staff with a fever in excess of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, or exhibiting other symptoms of COVID-19, shall not be allowed to enter the facility, nor will persons that have exposure to persons known to have COVID-19 during the preceding 14 days.

Centers shall take steps to preclude crowding at pick up and drop off times. Centers are strongly encouraged to schedule and stagger these times. See page 5 for details.
SANITIZING AND HYGIENE

• CENTERS SHALL CONTINUE TO TEACH AND REINFORCE HEALTHY HYGIENE PRACTICES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

• CENTERS SHALL IMPLEMENT ENHANCED CLEANING AND SANITATION PRACTICES.
Centers shall minimize group sizes and movement between groups. Groupings shall not exceed 10 children, and interactions between groups must be limited.

Staff shall be assigned to and remain with one group.

Staff shall be required to wear cloth masks while working unless doing so would inhibit the individual’s health. If a staff member refuses to wear a cloth face covering for non-medical reasons and if such covering cannot be provided to the staff person at the point of entry, the center must decline to allow them to enter. When feasible, children shall wear face coverings within the facility. Cloth face coverings should NOT be put on children under age two because of the danger of suffocation.
PHYSICAL DISTANCING
PLAY & CLASSROOMS

• PROGRAMS SHALL ENSURE THAT THE SPACING OF GROUPS WITHIN THE FACILITY ALLOWS FOR TEN FEET OF SEPARATION BETWEEN GROUPS AT ALL TIMES, INCLUDING SLEEPING AND PLAY PERIODS. OUTDOOR PLAY SHALL BE SCHEDULED IN STAGGERED SHIFTS.

• SHARING OF SUPPLIES, FOOD, TOYS AND OTHER ITEMS MUST BE STRICTLY LIMITED. CENTERS SHALL ENSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SCHOOL, ART AND OTHER SUPPLIES TO PRECLUDE THE NEED FOR SHARING OF ITEMS. CHILDREN’S BELONGINGS SHALL BE KEPT SEPARATE IN INDIVIDUAL STORAGE BINS OR CUBBIES AND SENT HOME EACH DAY FOR WASHING.

• CLOSE PERSON TO PERSON CONTACT (HUGGING, WRESTLING, GAMES INVOLVING TOUCHING OR TAGGING) SHALL BE STRICTLY LIMITED AND DISCOURAGED.