COVID-19 Prevention for Childcare Providers

- Providers must conduct a health and wellness check of children and staff upon their arrival at the center or facility each day. A child or staff member who presents signs of illness must be sent home.

- Upon arrival, all children and staff must wash their hands with soap and water.

- Providers shall question the adult who drops off the child as to whether any other family members residing in the home present signs of illness. Where other family members present such signs of illness, the provider shall prohibit the child from entering the center or facility and send him or her home with the adult.

- Providers shall keep a daily log of every person who is physically present at the center or facility, including children, children’s family, staff, and visitors. The log should include date, time, name, association (child, parent, teacher, staff, etc.), health and wellness check results, and reliable phone number.

- Providers shall restrict groups of individuals within the center or facility to ten (10) or fewer. These groups include children and staff. A provider can allow more than ten (10) individuals in the center or facility if each group of ten (10) individuals or less is in a room separated from the other group(s).

- Providers shall limit child drop-off or pick-up inside the center or facility to one family at a time. No other families shall be present during drop-off or pick-up.

- Providers shall conduct daily health and wellness checks on all children and staff throughout the day. A child or staff member who presents signs of illness at any point throughout the day shall be sent home.

- Providers shall ensure that any visitors wash their hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer before touching any center or facility surface.

- Providers must stay vigilant about hand hygiene and keeping a close eye on children and staff who are showing signs of illness.

- Providers must protect children and staff by taking the following precautions:
  - Staff must wash their hands frequently throughout the day with soap and water for at least twenty (20) seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
  - Staff must avoid touching their eyes, nose, and mouth.
  - If possible, staff should cover children’s coughs or sneezes with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Staff should then immediately wash their hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
  - Staff must clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. More specifically, staff must ensure that surfaces and areas that are used and touched often are cleaned and sanitized after each use (i.e.; shared toys, keyboards, desks, and remote controls), or at least twice a day (i.e.; doorknobs, light switches, toilet handles, sink handles, and countertops).