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To: All Childcare Centers

From: Maureen B. Lillis, MPH
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Re: Governor's Executive Order No. 7Q-Childcare Safety

- Limited Group Sizes in Childcare.** To limit the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and safety of children and staff in all child care facilities that are continuing to operate during this civil preparedness and public health emergency, Section 19a-79 and any related regulations, rules, or policies, are modified to require that all child care facilities shall limit group sizes to no more than ten children in one space, and to authorize the Commissioner of Early Childhood to issue any implementing orders she deems necessary. Any childcare operation seeking to caring for more than thirty children in one facility shall seek approval to do so from the Commissioner and demonstrate sufficient separation of groups within the facility. This order applies to all childcare operations, including but not limited to childcare centers, group childcare homes, family childcare homes, youth camps, and childcare facilities that are exempt from licensing requirements pursuant to Section 19a-77 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- Enhanced Health Procedures for All Operating Child Care Programs.** All children and childcare workers shall be screened before entrance to any childcare operation, as described herein, for any observable illness, including cough or respiratory distress, and to confirm body temperature below one hundred degrees Fahrenheit. All staff shall practice enhanced handwashing and health practices, including covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the corner of the elbow and assisting children with such increased handwashing and health practices. Enhanced cleaning and disinfection practices shall be implemented in all facilities to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This order applies to all childcare operations including but not limited to childcare centers, group childcare homes, family childcare homes, youth camps, and childcare facilities that are exempt from licensing requirements pursuant to Section 19a-77 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The Commissioner of Early Childhood may issue any implementing orders she deems necessary consistent with this order.

Thank you very much for your cooperation during this pandemic. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the West Haven Health Department at (203) 937-3660.

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