

## Child Care Services Update – September 2, 2020

The Tennessee Department of Human Services is committed to supporting child care agencies in providing programs that are safe, healthy and educationally rich. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has created many challenges over the past several months and many opportunities to approach the delivery of services in different ways. Thank you for remaining flexible and attentive to health and safety protections, while also remaining responsive to family needs.

### Frequency of Updates:

We are committed to bringing you the most current information specific to guidance, program updates, available resources and tips. Beginning this month, updates will be less frequent and will occur on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. If we have urgent information, this will continue to be sent by direct email as well as posted to the COVID-19 Child Care Update page as soon as it becomes available.



## NATIONAL CENTER ON Early Childhood Health and Wellness

### COVID-19 and Early Care and Education: Considerations Before Reopening

[The learning module is now available on the Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center site!](#)

Explore the latest research- and science-informed resources and practices on caring for children during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. Early care and education (ECE) directors and staff members and training and technical assistance (T/TA) staff members can use this tool as a guide to prepare programs to reopen. This tool is up to date as of July 1, 2020.

### Topics in This Module

- *Caring for Our Children* policies and procedures pertinent to the pandemic
- How to involve your Health Services Advisory Committee in reopening decisions
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention decision tree to help directors and administrators make reopening decisions
- Considerations for screening children and staff members upon arrival
- Current guidance on wearing masks

- Guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and objects
- Caring for children with special health care needs
- Supporting staff and family wellness

### Target Audience

- ECE program directors and staff members
- T/TA staff

### Access the Module

Select [this Web link](#) to access the learning module.

### Additional Resources

Select these links for up-to-the-day information and guidance on health and safety best practices related to the COVID-19 pandemic:

- [Office of Head Start COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [Office of Child Care COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [Get the Facts About Coronavirus.](#)

### Questions

Contact the National Center on Early Childhood Health and Wellness (NCECHW) at [health@ecetta.info](mailto:health@ecetta.info) or (888) 227-5125 (toll-free).



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