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Washington County Child Care Providers,

We wanted to take a moment to provide information we have received. Since providing the subscription to the Children's Cabinet last time, some of this information may be duplicative, but we wanted to provide it to everyone in case it was missed. There are still many unanswered questions moving forward. Many of the planning for getting back to business is dependent on other things. The stay-at-home order is set to expire on May 4. How we move forward will be affected by the expiration or the extension of that order. Washington County will also hear from the County Board on when buildings will be opened again. As we make plans for moving forward, we will keep you updated. We want to thank you for the work you continue to do. You are truly essential all the time.

Licensing in General

- The Department of Human Services is requesting information of all Family Child Care Licensed Programs in the state. They have provided us with set of questions that we are mandated to return to them on May 8. You may receive an email, a phone call, or both from your licenser to gather the information. Please take the time to update us on the requested information for DHS.
 - The information we are gathering is for child care licensing and not CCAP. You must report to CCAP separately per DHS: "You are required to notify CCAP agencies separately if your program closes and you are registered for CCAP. Giving false information may impact the ability to hold a license and to receive public funds. Failure to provide accurate information can result in possible administrative, civil, and criminal sanctions."
- For those of you who had license extensions due to COVID-19, we have not yet received guidance on how to move forward with these. We will first have to determine when face-to-face visits can occur again. We will also discuss what can be done with video technology. We have questions regarding if your license end date will continue to be in the month of the original license, or will it now end in the month the license was extended to. We also do not know how training and other time related mandates will be affected. What we can tell you is we know we are all affected by the COVID-19 virus and we are willing to work with you.

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- The Department of Human Services is still working with the federal government on issues related to the roll-out of the enhanced background study with fingerprints. Currently, the roll-out has been placed on hold and when we receive information on how to move forward we will share that information with you. As you can imagine, the amount of preparation for the fingerprint clinics we already had was vast and it may take some time to re-plan that effort even after we do have more direction.
- Continue to seek guidance from resources such as the Minnesota Department of Health and the CDC. If you are implementing guidance from these sources, that will satisfy licensing mandates.

Communication

- Washington County will continue to provide updated information to you. However, you can also subscribe directly to the state emails for immediate, up-to-date communication. Please see the following ways to subscribe:
 - DHS Licensing for Providers: <https://mn.gov/dhs/general-public/publications-forms-resources/email-subscriptions/>
 - Children's Cabinet: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNMMB/subscriber/new?preferences=true#tab1>

Resources

- The Department of Health has given guidance for cleaning and disinfecting in child care programs: (This link is also available on the Washington County Child Care Licensing web page.) www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/schools/clean.html
- The Department of Health has also updated materials and resources related to COVID-19: www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/materials/index.html
- The Children's Cabinet continues to update the webpage on resources related to Child Care Providers and COVID-19. There is information on licensing, financials, CCAP, and other resources: <https://mn.gov/mmb/childcare/providers/>
- Remember Washington County has a web page for all COVID-19 updates: www.co.washington.mn.us/coronavirusupdates-childcareproviders
- For providers living in South Washington County, the school district is hosting a virtual support group. The next group is May 6 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. *See attached flyer.*

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