The MSDH training team would like to take a moment to remind Providers of the following:
- With intensive training schedule you may experience a delay in receiving acceptance or closed emails from trainers, we are asking that you be patient with the trainers as they work diligently to get the acceptance and closed emails out once a week.

--We understand that things come up that are emergencies-please email your trainer to let them know. Also please remember that if you sign up for a training, please attend the training, training slots are limited.

--Please be mindful that trainers have 2 weeks from the training date to email certificates to providers.

--Also, that all training emails will have “MSDH Training Notification” in the subject line, please keep this in mind when you are expecting email about trainings.

--FYI: sometimes training emails may be forwarded to SPAM/ TRASH FOLDER, please check the folders first, if you haven’t received expected emails before reaching out to trainers.
The MSDH Child Care Licensure would like to remind Providers & Staff Members of the following:

**Rule 1.12.2 (3) Child Health:** Parents of all children shall be notified of a contagious illness in the child care facility as soon as possible.

*Provider should make sure they inform parents of any communicable disease in the center.*

**Rule 1.2.9 License Not Transferable or Assignable:** Each license shall be issued only for the premises and operator named in the application and shall not be transferable or assignable. A change of ownership includes, but is not limited to, inter vivos gifts, purchases, transfers, lease arrangements, cash and/or stock transactions or other comparable arrangements whenever any person or entity acquires or controls a majority interest of the child care facility or service. Changes of ownership from partnerships, single proprietorships, or corporations to another form of ownership are specifically included.

Before current owner sell their childcare facility, they should make sure to speak with their licensing officials for the proper steps in handling the sell.

**Rule 1.7.1 Serious Occurrences Involving Children:** The child care facility shall ... immediately report, ... either orally or in writing, via email or fax, to the licensing agency, any serious occurrences involving children. Oral reports and/or emailed/faxed reports shall be confirmed in writing and mailed within two days of the occurrence.

MSDH Child Care Licensure Dept. would like to thank you all for all your hard work, patience, and understanding as we work together as a team, to continue to make Mississippi a safe and healthy place for children to learn and grow.

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**COVID-19 Reminder for Child Care**

Guidance for Individuals with Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Exposure

If you are a close contact to someone who has COVID-19 you may be at risk for developing infection and transmitting it to others. The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) recommends the following for close contacts:

- **Guidance for previously vaccinated individuals:**
  - You are fully vaccinated, and it has been 2 or more weeks since your final dose in the vaccine series.
  - You have been asymptomatic since your COVID-19 exposure.

- **Guidance for individuals infected within the previous 90 days:**
  - If you have tested positive for COVID-19 within the prior 90 days, you are not required to quarantine after exposure if:
    - You have fully recovered (10 days from symptom onset or date of test, and fever free for at least 24 hours), and
    - You have been asymptomatic since your COVID-19 exposure.

Quarantine Guidance for individuals who do not meet the criteria for vaccinated individuals:

- You need to self-quarantine at home (or an appropriate alternative location) and self-monitor for symptoms. MSDH recommends a quarantine period of 14 days* from your last exposure.
- Consider getting tested for COVID-19 following your exposure even if you do not have symptoms. Please let your provider know you have been exposed if you do go in for testing.
- If you live in a household with a person who is a confirmed case of COVID-19, your last exposure is when is when you last had contact less than 6 feet for 15 minutes or more.
- Check your temperature and self-assess for symptoms twice a day.
- If you have symptoms, contact your healthcare provider for evaluation and testing if indicated.
- During the quarantine period you may be allowed to continue to work if your employer says you are essential, and you continue to have no symptoms, undergo symptom and temperature monitoring by your facility and wear a mask while you are at work. Contact your employer for approval.
  - o If you do return to work, you should continue to self-quarantine at home at all other times.

Options for length of quarantine period:

*While strongly encouraging a full 14-day quarantine period, especially household contacts and those in congregate settings, MSDH is allowing the following alternative quarantine options.

- **10-day option:** You can end quarantine after 10 days if you have monitored for symptoms daily and had no symptoms during the entire 10-day period.
- **7-day plus test option:** If you have had no symptoms for 7 days and have had a negative test result with any form of molecular based testing for the detection of COVID-19 RNA collected on day 5, 6, or 7 of your quarantine period, you can discontinue quarantine after 7 days. Quarantine must be at least 7 days after exposure regardless of a negative test result.

If you take a 7- or 10-day option for a shortened quarantine period, you should continue to wear a mask in public or work, have symptoms and temperature monitored and physically/social distance for a full 14-day period.


Thank you for your consideration.

Mississippi State Department of Health

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