



Office of Children and Family Services

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Governor

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Memorandum

To: Child Care Providers

From: Janice Molnar, Deputy Commissioner

Date: March 30, 2020

Re: Updated Protocols for Return-to-Work

Please see the attached "Protocols for Essential Personnel to Return to Work Following COVID-19 Exposure or Infection" issued by the NYS Department of Health on March 28, 2020. This guidance pertains to public and private sector organizations that provide essential services or functions, including child care providers. The guidance allows personnel who were exposed to or are recovering from COVID-19 to work in the workplace setting in order to maintain essential operations. This return-to-work protocol depends on each child care setting obtaining a supply of face masks and thermometers as employees monitor their health to help maintain a safe work environment. We understand that supplies such as masks and thermometers may be difficult to obtain. OCFS is pursuing all options to assist in this effort.

Child care programs and staff are on the front lines in keeping our children and youth safe. As always, you have my deepest gratitude and commitment that OCFS is working diligently to make sure your functions can be carried out while providing you with the most up-to-date information to keep you healthy and safe. If you have any questions, please call 518-486-7488.

Thank you for all you do for children and families during this challenging and difficult time.

Attachment