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MEMORANDUM

March 16, 2020

TO: EHS-CCP Program Partners and Child Care Partners
FROM: Jennifer Connell, Child Care Services Division Director 
SUBJECT: Guidance on COVID-19

On Friday, March 13, 2020, Governor Kay Ivey declared a state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Department of Human Resources (DHR) is encouraging all child care providers to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Alabama Department of Public Health regarding COVID-19.

Out of an abundance of caution, **DHR will close all EHS-CCP classrooms, both center-based and family child care-based, effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Classrooms will tentatively reopen on Monday, April 6, 2020.**

During this closure period, no visits to EHS-CCP centers or family child care homes will be conducted by Program Partner staff, DECE staff, or DHR EHS-CCP staff. Program Partners will still be required to pay Child Care Partners the full rate of \$231 per week, per child (based on enrollment) during this emergency closure period.

During this period, no EHS-CCP care will be provided. EHS-CCP sites may choose to completely close during this period or remain open for regular care. If the EHS-CCP site elects to remain open for regular care, the EHS-CCP children who attend on these days will be considered dually enrolled. EHS-CCP sites are not required to provide care that meets the higher quality EHS-CCP standards during this emergency closure period. However, the sites must maintain the minimum standards to meet licensing requirements on these days. The DHR EHS-CCP program is not responsible for regular care provided during this emergency closure period.

Program Partners need to work with their Child Care Partners to inform all EHS-CCP parents about this emergency closure period no later than close of business on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Myra Davis at myra.davis@dhr.alabama.gov or 334.242.0575.

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