

FAMILY CHILD CARE HEALTH & SAFETY BULLETIN

...a newsletter for family child care providers and FCC Network Leaders

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Family Child Care Guidance Webinars

The Connecticut Nurse' Association Health Consultants, together with the Office of Early Child Licensing Specialist and FCC Network Leaders have scheduled the following 4 statewide webinars focused on family child care health & safety topics. Opportunities will be provided for questions and answers.

LOOK to see what night your network is assigned to and register ahead of time.

| Session Date/Time | Family Child Care Guidance Webinars |
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| Session 1: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm | Networks leaders, please email CNA's Executive Director, Kimberly Sandor at ExecutiveDirector@ctnurses.org , a list of your network members who will attend your assigned webinar Family Child Care Network Webinars with Health Consultants Hartford , East Windsor, Tolland Networks Register HERE |
| Session 2: Thursday, August 13, 2020 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm | Family Child Care Network Webinars with Health Consultants Plainville, Meriden, Hebron Networks Register HERE |
| Session 3: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm | Family Child Care Network Webinars with Health Consultants EdAdvance, United Way, TEAM Networks Register HERE |
| Session 4: Monday, August 24, 2020 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm | Family Child Care Network Webinars with Health Consultants CERCLE, AOK, Branford Networks Register HERE |

Public Hearing: Proposed Family Child Care Home Regulations FCC providers, this an opportunity to share your voice!

The Office of Early Childhood's (OEC) mission is to ensure that our stakeholders have an opportunity to be heard and provide their thoughts as to how, together we can all improve the family child care field. As such, the OEC will hold two public hearings regarding the proposed family child care home regulations. Dates of the virtual hearings via GoToWebinar are:

- ◆ Friday, August 14, 2020: 1 to 4 p.m.
- ◆ Tuesday, August 18, 2020: 5 to 8 p.m.

You can register to attend in person:

- ◆ <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/8575906331835354639>

If you would like to share what is important to you:

- ◆ Any interested party providing oral comments at the hearing will be asked to submit a written copy of their comments. You will have 3 minutes per person to present your comments. We ask that remarks are confined solely and specifically to the content of the proposed regulations. Oral comments and written comments are given the same weight. **If you cannot attend**, you can still provide written comments. Written comments are due by August 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

If you have questions about how a public hearing works:

- ◆ Please contact Kristen Saunders at kristen.saunders@ct.gov



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Tips for Family Child Care When Schools Re-open

If Your Child Care Program Remains Open

(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html>)

- Child care programs that remain open during the COVID-19 pandemic should address these additional considerations:
 - ◆ Implement [social distancing strategies](#)
 - ◆ Intensify [cleaning and disinfection efforts](#)
 - ◆ Modify [drop off and pick up procedures](#)
 - ◆ Implement [screening procedures up arrival](#)
- Maintain an adequate ratio of staff to children to ensure safety.
- Plan ahead and recruit those with child care experience to ensure you have a roster of substitute caregivers who can fill in if your staff members are sick or stay home to care for sick family members.
- [When feasible](#), staff members and older children should [wear face coverings](#) within the facility. Cloth face coverings should NOT be put on babies and children under age two because of the danger of suffocation.

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Know How COVID-19 Spreads

(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>)

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).
- **The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.**
- The virus is thought to [spread mainly from person-to-person](#).
 - Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
 - Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes or talks.
 - These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
 - Some recent studies have suggested that COVID-19 may be spread by people who are not showing symptoms.

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For Anyone Who Has Been Around a Person with COVID-19

(https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprevent-getting-sick%2Fwhen-its-safe.html)

Remember...

- ◆ Anyone who has had close contact with someone with COVID-19 should stay home for 14 days **after their last exposure** to that person.
- ◆ However, anyone who has had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and who:
 - developed COVID-19 illness within the previous 3 months **and**
 - has recovered **and**
 - remains without COVID-19 symptoms (for example, cough, shortness of breath)**does not** need to stay home.

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