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## **Child Care in the time of coronavirus**

We are doing our best to stay informed and share information as it becomes available, and you may therefore receive more emails from us than usual. We also encourage you to follow us on Facebook for the latest updates.

### **When your regular child care is not available...**

The Child Care Council of Westchester is available to help parents find temporary child care, and all services for parents are free. Even if your school district or child care provider is not closed, we urge parents to act now to prepare alternate arrangements, which may include things like a patchwork of care with family/friends and/or splitting child care duties with neighbors; hiring a nanny (do your due diligence as they are not covered under any regulations or oversight); or calling us for a list of OCFS-regulated child care programs/providers who may be willing to offer temporary care. Contact us at 914-761-3456 x140 and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

NOTE: If your child or a family member is sick or has any possible exposure to coronavirus, do not bring them to another child care provider until you receive proper guidance from the New York State Department of Health 888-364-3065.

### **What to expect when you bring your child to their child care program/provider...**

**Child care programs/providers are being advised to screen staff, parents, families, visitors, etc. before they are allowed to enter the child care site.**

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#### **Here are some screening questions you may be asked:**

1. Have you traveled to a country for which the CDC has issued a Level 2 or 3 travel designation (currently South Korea, Iran, Italy, China, Japan) within the last 14 days?
2. Have you had contact with any Persons Under Investigation (PUIs) for COVID-19 within the last 14 days, OR with anyone with known COVID-19?

3. Do you have any symptoms of a respiratory infection (e.g., cough, sore throat, fever, or shortness of breath)?

If the individual answers "yes" to any of the above, that person must not enter the child care program.

You may also see this sign posted on the door...

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## **Guidance for Child Care and Schools from the CDC**

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has put together to document below as some guidance for child care and schools.

**[Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools](#)**

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## **Additional Guidance for You and Your Family**

**[Workplace, School and Home Guidance](#)**

**[COVID-19 General Recommendations for Cleaning and Disinfection of Households with Suspected or Confirmed Cases](#)**

**[Is your Child Care Prepared](#)**