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YMCA Childcare Resource Service

TO: Early Learning and Child Care Providers
FROM: YMCA Childcare Resource Service
RE: Child Care Community Update – COVID-19
DATE: March 18, 2020

Governor Says Schools Not Likely to Re-Open Before Summer Break

As you may have seen, Governor Gavin Newsom said on March 17, "I would plan and assume that it's unlikely that many of these schools, few if any, will open before the summer break." There has been no official order, but the Governor expressed his desire to enable families to plan ahead as much as possible. Read more in this [UT article](#) or view the full press conference [here](#).

As your local resource and referral agency, we will continue connecting families to open child care programs. We are providing enhanced referrals right now, which means that we may call you on behalf of a family to see if you may have a slot open for them. We hope that by identifying which providers are open and may have a slot for a family, we can reduce the burden on families searching for care themselves. Thank you for your assistance in making these connections.

New Guidance on COVID-19 Infection Prevention in Child Care Programs

California Department of Industrial Relations, Division of Occupational Safety & Health has provided new safety and health guidance to child care providers related to COVID-19 Infection Prevention in Child Care Programs. The guidance can be found [here](#).

The guide emphasizes training employees on CDC guidance regarding how COVID-19 is spread, preventing the spread of COVID-19 if you are sick, and symptoms of COVID-19 and when to seek medical attention. It also highlights procedures including routinely cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and objects like doorknobs, light switches, sink handles, countertops, and shared toys. It notes that hand sanitizers are less effective than handwashing in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

We strongly encourage all programs to adhere to the guidance provided.

Reminder to Notify Licensing of Closures

If you decide to close your program, please remember to notify your Regional Community Care Licensing Office by calling within 24 hours of your Change in Typical Operation. If you are served by the San Diego Regional Office, the phone number to call is 619-767-2248. If you are served by the Riverside Regional Office, the phone number to call is 951-782-4200. Within 7 days of closure, fax an [LIC-624 Unusual Incident/Injury Report](#). The fax number for the San Diego Regional Office is 619-767-2203, and the fax number for the Riverside Regional Office is 951-782-4985.

For more information see the California Child Care Licensing page:
<https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/child-care-licensing>.