

# FAMILY CHILD CARE HEALTH & SAFETY BULLETIN

...a newsletter for family child care providers

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## Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of *Family Child Care Bulletin!*

The Connecticut Nurses' Association and Office of Early Childhood (OEC) in continued support of family child care providers have created this newsletter to provide and keep family child care providers informed and connected about health and safety topics!

### The Connecticut Nurses Association

Since 1904, the Connecticut Nurses Association (CT Nurses) advocates for all nurses, regardless of practice setting. Their goal is to strengthen and protect the viability of the nursing profession and enhance health care for our communities. For over 15 years, CT Nurses' health and safety expertise in early childhood has supported Early Child Education providers. Nursing enhances the health of communities and CT Nurses is happy to continue supporting family child care providers in creating and maintaining healthy and safe environments for children and families.

### The Office of Early Childhood

The earliest years of a child's life have a huge impact. They shape who that child will grow up to be, affecting their future health, education, and success. That's why the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC) focuses on children from birth into grade school. Helping young children learn, develop, and overcome barriers will have benefits that last a lifetime.

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## FUNDING AND SUPPORT

The Office of Early Childhood announced it has launched "CTCARES for Family Child Care" to provide support to licensed family child care providers during the COVID-19 public health emergency and beyond. CTCARES for Family Child Care connects licensed family child care providers with a Family Child Care Network to provide grant funding and other supports to help small, home-based providers keep their business running during this challenging time. Licensed family child care plays a critical role in Connecticut's economy by providing needed child care so parents can go to work to financially support their family. During the COVID-19 emergency, 61% of family child care programs continue to support essential workers.

Information on CTCARES for Family Child Care may be found at the OEC webpage at [https://www.ct.gov/oec/lib/oec/OEC\\_Press\\_Release\\_-\\_CTCARES\\_for\\_Family\\_Child\\_Care\\_-\\_5.13.20\\_Final.pdf](https://www.ct.gov/oec/lib/oec/OEC_Press_Release_-_CTCARES_for_Family_Child_Care_-_5.13.20_Final.pdf)

## COVID-19: Child Care Guidance Regarding State of CT Travel Advisories

(<https://www.ctoec.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/COVID-19-Memo-26-Child-Care-Guidance-Travel-Advisories.pdf>)



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### STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD



Beth Bye  
Commissioner

**DATE:** July 7, 2020

**TO:** Providers of Services to Young Children

**FROM:** Beth Bye, Commissioner

**RE:** Coronavirus Memo #26  
Child Care Guidance Regarding State of CT Travel Advisories

The Office of Early Childhood understands that programs serving young children will be impacted by [Executive Order 7BBB](#), effective June 25, 2020. Such order states that anyone traveling into Connecticut from a state that has a new daily positive test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents or a state with a 10% or higher positivity rate over a 7-day rolling average are directed to self-quarantine for a 14-day period from the time of last contact within the identified state. While this Order is advisory and strongly urges visitors to Connecticut from an identified state and residents returning to Connecticut from an identified state to self-quarantine, it is up to individuals to abide by the advisory.

The OEC strongly urges programs to develop a written policy that outlines how the program will implement this travel advisory and share such policy with all staff and parents.

In developing this policy, the program may wish to consider:

- Reference to the advisory by the State of Connecticut;
- Inclusion of the web address for travel advisory as the source of information: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Travel-In-or-Out-of-CT>;
- Identification of any steps the program will take relative to children and its employees who travel to identified states;
- Posting the policy and/or the travel advisory on site at the program;
- The term of the policy to coincide with the travel advisory or until Executive Order 7BBB expires.

The State of Connecticut maintains an information page related to the travel advisory and all state residents are urged to consult it regarding their travel and any subsequent need for self-quarantine. This information is available at: <https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Travel-In-or-Out-of-CT>.

The CDC guidance for travelers is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-in-the-us.html>.

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## Resources for Family Child Care



### The Connecticut Nurses' Association

Family Child Care Health Consultants are available for support and questions from Family Child Care providers:

- ◆ Call: 855-322-2242; or
- ◆ Email: [ctnurses@gmail.com](mailto:ctnurses@gmail.com)
- ◆ Family Child Care dedicated webpage at <https://ctnurses.org/FCC>
- ◆ Resources include:
  - ◇ [Daily Health Check Poster](#)
  - ◇ [Disinfecting Worksheet](#)
  - ◇ [Disinfecting Mixture Guidance](#)
  - ◇ [Reduce the Risk of COVID](#)
  - ◇ [CDC Symptom Checker - Are you Sick?](#)



### The Office of Early Childhood

The following resources and technical assistance information are located on the OEC webpage at <https://www.ctoec.org/licensing/child-care-providers/>:

- [Technical Assistance Request Form](#)
- [Early Childhood Consultation Partnership \(ECCP\)](#)
- [Su Lista de Verificacion Para Mantener Cumplimiento Regulatorio](#)

Questions? Contact the OEC at 860-500-4450 or 800-282-6063.

### Family Child Care Networks

*Look out for communication from the Family Child Care Network in your area and be sure to join!*

Family Child Care Networks are community initiatives that have paid staff with expertise working with family child care providers. They offer a number of ongoing support services and resources to affiliated family child care providers, which may include professional development, coaching and consultation, and business and administrative supports. Current OEC-funded Family Child Care Networks include:

- [All Our Kin](#)
- [Cercle](#)
- [EdAdvance](#)
- [TEAM, Inc.](#)
- [United Way of Western Connecticut](#)

