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Dear Parent:

Child Care Licensing recently contacted all child care providers to inform them of temporary emergency conditions they must follow to continue providing child care. These conditions are to lessen the spread of **COVID-19** and include the following:

- Each individual three years old and older present during child care hours must wear a **face mask** while at the facility. This includes any household members in areas where children are in care.
- Providers must screen individuals before entering the facility. Individuals who have the following symptoms cannot enter the facility: fever, cough, trouble breathing, sore throat, sudden change in taste or smell, and muscle aches and pains.
- Providers must ensure that, upon arrival at the facility, all individuals wash their hands with soap and running water or alcohol based hand sanitizer.
- Providers must keep the required **ratios** and groups sizes to the smallest possible.
- Providers must ensure that surfaces and areas that are used and touched often are cleaned and sanitized at least daily and before a new group uses the room.
- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 at the facility, providers must **contact their local health department** and follow their instructions.

These conditions are to be implemented immediately and will remain in effect until further notice. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring these requirements are met daily.

Please know that we are grateful for the responsible measures child care providers in Utah have voluntarily implemented up to this point to properly deal with COVID-19.

If you have any questions about these new requirements, please contact us at (888) 287-3704 or visit our website at childcarelicensing.utah.gov.

Thank you,

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