March 17, 2020

To: Daycare Establishments

From: Torrington Area Health District

Re: Daycare Precautions

Please be advised that per advice from Governor Ned Lamont and Connecticut Office of Early Childhood daycare centers are being asked to take additional precautions if choosing to remain open.

Attached is the most recent memo from the State of Connecticut with the following important NEW guidelines to be adopted:

- All staff and children should be screened for risk prior to entry into the childcare environment and throughout the day. Screening should include at the VERY LEAST (temperature, coughing, sneezing, shortness of breath and travel history). We have attached to this email a form you can use to track these things throughout the day.
- A ‘Sick room’ should be designated in the event that a child or staff member develops symptoms during the day so they can immediately be isolated until they can be collected to go home.
- Increased cleaning practices to include keyboards, phones, toys should be implemented.

It is critically important that you follow all health and safety measures to keep your children and staff safe. This includes restricting any ill workers, reinforcing hand hygiene and continuing social distancing to the extent feasible.

Daycare Centers play a vital role in allowing other workplaces to remain properly staffed and we thank you for your compliance as we all work together to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Please call our office if you have any questions. 860-489-0436