Protecting your families, children, staff and business against disease is always job #1, but the recent concerns about the Coronavirus or COVID-19 have increased both anxiety and fear especially among child care businesses. As the situation continues to rapidly evolve, we turn to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization for guidance.

ECE Shared Resources is committed to supporting the ECE community through the power of shared information. It’s important to band together and focus on supporting one another while exposed to temporary working standards and social distancing. We’ve put together a collection of resources to help you address some of the many concerns that child care businesses face while planning for the upcoming weeks of widespread public isolation and changing economic climate caused by COVID-19 and provide this handout for you to share with members of your communities.

Here are some helpful resources that you can use with families and staff to reduce the level of anxiety, communicate what is known to be most appropriate health, hygiene and safety practices, as well as interim guidance for child care businesses.

**Guidance:**

This in-depth guide provides recommendations to plan, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus disease. Among common best business practices in childcare, schools should review, update and implement emergency operations plans, maintain diligent environmental cleaning, communicate plans to staff and families, monitor absenteeism, and establish procedures for students and staff who are sick. In practice, much of your existing policy and procedures for managing infectious disease may already be in place. This is a significant enough event that businesses should review and update procedures.

- Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools  
  (English)  (Spanish)  (Chinese)

The following cleaning and disinfection recommendations are to be used if you have a suspected/confirmed case of Coronavirus Disease.

- Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations for Childcare & Schools
Resources, Handouts and Posters

- Administrator, Teacher and Parent Checklists
- Eliminate Stigma or Discrimination about COVID-19 - This handout from the CDC provides facts about COVID-19 and helps stop the spread of rumors and any stigma or discrimination associated with people of certain national origin or travelers.
- FAQs for K-12 Schools and Childcare Programs
- Handwashing Poster
- How to Talk with Children about Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (English) (Spanish)
- Share Facts About COVID-19 English
- Stop the Spread of Germs (English) (Spanish) - This CDC poster reminds us that basic health and hygiene practices are helpful in preventing the spread of diseases including COVID-19.
- What to do if you are sick (English) (Spanish) (Chinese)
- What you Need to Know about Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (English) (Spanish) (Chinese)

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