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TO: Licensed Child Care Centers and Group Child Care Homes, Licensing Family Child Care Homes, Center-Based Child Care Programs that Receive Care 4 Kids Subsidy, Licensed Youth Camps

FROM: Beth Bye, Commissioner

RE: Coronavirus Memo #28 **REVISED**
Child Care Waivers-Status Update

On March 16, 2020, and May 8, 2020, the Commissioner of the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood issued Memos #7 and #22, respectively, waiving certain licensing and health and safety requirements. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide notification of the status of said waivers in light of the declared emergency.

In accordance with this memorandum, providers should take all necessary steps to come into compliance with requirements within the appropriate timeframe. Providers are encouraged to document all efforts taken to meet regulatory requirements, as the OEC will consider such efforts when evaluating compliance.

The following waivers set forth in [Memo #7 terminated](#) on September 9, 2020:

- Water test results for child care centers and group child care homes [Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 19a-79-7a (c) (3)]
- Rabies certificates for family child care homes [Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 19a-87b-9 (n)]
- Immunization records for children for child care centers, group child care homes, family child care homes and youth camps [Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Sections 19a-87b-7 (a) (1), 19a-87b-10 (b) (2), & 19a-428-3 (a)]

All other waivers set forth in Memo #7 including the extension of operating dates for licensed youth camps, and the family child care school age capacity set forth in [Memo #22](#) will remain in effect for the duration of the declared state of emergency provided such authority remains in effect pursuant to executive order, unless earlier modified or terminated.

Updates regarding OEC inspections of child care programs can be found in [Memo #25](#) on the OEC website. Updates regarding OEC background checks can be found in [Memo #27](#) on the OEC website.

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