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Dear Childcare Program Partners,

With Ohio reporting its first positive cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), it is important that we take steps to prevent its spread, and you can help support these efforts. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notes that for most people, the immediate risk of being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to be low, and the virus is not currently widespread in the United States.


The CDC guidance should help childcare programs understand how to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19 within their facilities. It also aims to help childcare programs react quickly should a case be identified. The guidance includes considerations to help administrators plan for the continuity of teaching and learning if there is community spread of COVID-19.

Attached are flyers that you can share with your children’s parents and staff and/or post in your facility consisting of a COVID-19 key FAQ and tips for preventing the spread of germs that can cause infectious diseases. For up to date COVID-19 information and other resources, go to www.coronavirus.ohio.gov, which is maintained by the Ohio Department of Health.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact me or your local health department.

Sincerely,

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