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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES
Bureau for Public Health
Commissioner's Office

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Child Care Center Providers

FROM: Catherine C. Slemp, MD, MPH
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DATE: April 29, 2020

RE: **COVID-19 Testing for All Child Care Staff**

On April 24, 2020, Governor Jim Justice announced that all child care staff must be tested for COVID-19 as facilities begin to reopen. The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources, Bureau for Public Health recommends the following to obtain COVID-19 testing:

- Child care facility operators may check the state's COVID-19 website to identify testing locations available in their community: [COVID-19 Testing Sites in West Virginia](#).

OR

- Facilities may check with their local health department to determine local testing options for obtaining a COVID-19 test.

OR

- Individuals may contact their primary care provider, health clinic, or other healthcare provider to arrange for testing or to obtain an order for a COVID-19 test that can be done elsewhere.

After identifying a site that does testing (or, if needed, obtaining an order for the test), the employee should call to arrange an appointment and go to the provider's office, clinic, or testing site. If a drive-through testing site is an option, a scheduled time slot may be required. The employee must take the verification form (page two of this memo) to the provider/office/test site for completion.

Insurance Coverage: COVID-19 testing is covered by an individual's medical insurance or if the individual is uninsured, then the provider's office, clinic or lab can bill WV Medicaid (WV Medicaid covers COVID-19 testing and treatment for all uninsured residents: [WV Bureau for Medical Services Testing and Treatment/Insured and Uninsured](#)). There is no charge or co-pay for uninsured individuals for COVID-19 testing per federal law. For provider offices, this testing falls within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention priority recommendations for testing under the category, "*Persons without symptoms who are prioritized by health departments or clinicians, for any reason, including but not limited to public health monitoring, sentinel surveillance, or screening of other asymptomatic individuals according to state and local plans.*"

Child care facilities should work with their local health department to interpret and manage results of this testing.



West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources
COVID-19 Testing Verification: Child Care Staff

Individual Name: _____

Child Care Center: _____

Physician/Provider: _____

Test Date: _____

Test Results: _____ (please attach copy)

Once the COVID-19 test has been obtained and results received, please provide the completed form and a copy of the results to the designated staff member at the child care center.