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FSSA offers guidance to Hoosier parents and child care providers related to COVID-19

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, the state agency responsible for the regulation of child care programs in Indiana, today offered the following guidance for parents of school-aged children related to the 2019 novel (new) coronavirus or COVID-19:

Children who are out of school due to possible contact with a positive case should observe social isolation and be at home, not in a large child care setting. It is strongly recommended that caregivers for these children during this timeframe NOT be older than age 65 or have a chronic disease or be in an immunosuppressed state.

FSSA also posted a set of frequently asked questions and answers and guidance on several matters related to COVID-19 for child care providers. That document is found [here](#).

FSSA encourages parents and child care providers to check back frequently for updates as guidance could evolve rapidly at the direction of the Indiana State Department of Health and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We will post updates to the guidance document and issue news releases as necessary. ISDH is also continuously updating information about COVID-19 [here](#). FSSA's top commitment is to Hoosier health.

Families may search for child care options near their homes or workplaces, or along the route of their commute, at www.childcarefinder.in.gov or call 800-299-1627 for assistance from an early learning referral specialist.

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