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WAYNE COUNTY LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC UNDER MCL 333.2453

PROCEDURES FOR CHILDCARE CENTERS REMAINING OPEN UNDER STATE OF MICHIGAN EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-21

ORDER # 20-01

On March 26, 2020, I, Carol Austerberry, the Health Officer of the Wayne County Local Health Department am issuing this Local Public Health Emergency Order # **20-01** for the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pursuant to section 333.2453 of the Public Health Code of the State of Michigan, as it has been determined that it is necessary to protect the public health from further transmission of COVID-19 within Wayne County.

As evidence for the need for these measures, the State of Michigan issued an executive order that, as of March 24, 2020, places limitations on public activities to slow the transmission of COVID-19. This order by Governor Whitmer was issued as State of Michigan Executive Order 2020-21- “**Temporary requirement to suspend activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life.**” https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-522626--,00.html

As part of that order, childcare centers may stay open only to the extent that they provide care for children or dependents of critical infrastructure workers. As COVID-19 is being spread by person to person contact, those childcare centers remaining open still pose a risk to furthering the spread of COVID-19 within the community. In addition to the measures detailed by the Governor in her Executive Order, certain procedures must be implemented at those childcare centers still operating in order to limit exposure in the community.

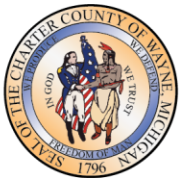
As such, the Wayne County Local Health Officer hereby **orders** the following to take effect on **March 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. EDT.**

Childcare centers in the Wayne County Local Health Department jurisdiction remaining open under Governor Whitmer’s Executive Order 2020-21 **must**:

- Develop and implement a daily screening procedure for all staff, children, parents, guardians and essential visitors.

Screening procedures **must** include the following:

- Asking if the child or individual has symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, or diarrhea;
- Conducting a temperature check with a touchless/contactless thermometer, if available, is strongly recommended in lieu of verbal confirmation of all children and individuals entering the premises;



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- Noting the presence of any symptoms in children and individuals shall be taken as an issue of great concern;
- Asking if the child or individual has had close contact in the last 14 days with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19; and
- Asking if the child or individual has traveled via airplane internationally or domestically in the last 14 days.

If a “yes” answer is provided to any of the screening questions, the child or individual cannot enter the childcare center until they have self-isolated/self-quarantined for the following number of days:

- If symptoms are present, a minimum of 7 days since symptoms first appeared. The individual or child must also have 3 days without a fever and three days with an improvement in respiratory symptoms;
- 14 days following close contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19; or 14 days following international or domestic travel.

All non-essential visitors must be restricted from entering the childcare center.

All childcare facilities remaining open under Governor Whitmer’s Executive Order **shall POST A COPY** of this order at all entrances to the childcare center so that it is visible to all employees and persons entering the center.

Such measures will be enforced, and any violations are subject to citation and penalties as outlined in the Michigan Public Health Code.

This Order will remain in effect until it is determined by the Health Officer of the Wayne County Local Health Department that the threat to the Public's Health and lives is no longer present.

This order may be revised as well as supplemented with specific procedures and orders per the Michigan Public Health Code.

This order is hereby effective as of March 26, 2020 at 7 PM EDT.

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Division Director/Local Health Officer

Date: March 26, 2020