

NOVEMBER 2022 EHS Newsletter



Compliance Corner

The JFS 08087 Communicable Disease Chart has been revised to reflect updated COVID guidance from the Ohio Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). However, the updated chart will not be available to order from Forms Central until the existing supply of charts is depleted. The letter at the end of the newsletter explains the updates. Print the Child Care Manual Procedure Letter No.159 and post it with each Communicable Disease Chart you post to follow the rules until you are able to order the revised JFS07078 poster.



In the Spotlight

- Jaylen Chatman (right) a teacher at Starting Point Learning Center celebrates her CDA achievement with co teacher, Lacreshia Johnson.
- Esther Jefferson-Moore has transformed her learning environment, successfully becoming a TYPE A provider serving up to 12 children. Congratulations to these accomplished educators!

Thanks for Your Giving

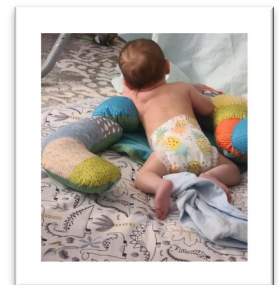


As we celebrate this season of Thanksgiving, we are reminded of how much we appreciate and are grateful for our providers, partners, teachers, staff, and board. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of the families we serve together.

Diaper Ordering Do's and Don'ts

Tips for getting the EHS diapers you need

1. Check your classrooms before placing an order and submit your order on a need-only basis by the 15th of each month. Popular sizes are three, four, five, and six.
2. Order your diapers based on the number of children in your program. (example: five slots equal five boxes of diapers.) Each box has about 100 diapers.
3. Deliveries should occur within 48-72 hours after the order has been placed.
4. If you have a family that needs diapers at home, direct them to their Family Specialist for assistance. EHS diapers are for use during classroom hours.
5. If you have a child with a confirmed allergy to Pampers let your Family Specialist know and send your specific diaper request to Michelle.



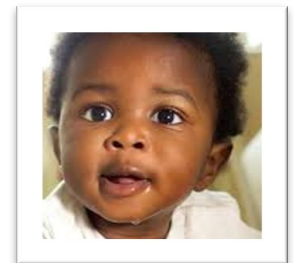
Contact Michelle Dunlap at 614.292.2810 if:

- You have an excess of unopened packages in sizes you don't need
- You are out of diapers and wipes
- You are not receiving your orders on time

Babies at Risk

Clemson researchers have found that babies born during the pandemic are at a higher risk for developmental delays in communication and social development. This [article](#)

offers five evidence-based tips for parents and teachers to help mitigate this risk.



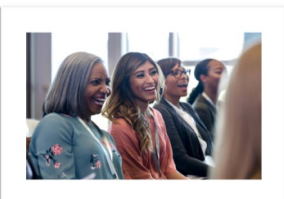
Smiles for Miles

The Delta Dental Foundation recently approved an in-kind request from EHS that will enable us to offer oral health supplies including infant, young child, and adult toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss to providers and families. We will also receive multi-language educational brochures (including one dedicated to helping autistic children with oral care), classroom charts and posters, and coloring books. Last year, EHS spent over \$4,500 on oral health care items. This donation enables us to stretch our dollars for other needed items.



Child Care Stabilization Program

A new report from the White House and the Department of Health and Human Services shows the impact of the Child Care Stabilization Program that was part of the American Rescue Plan Act, with support reaching more than 200,000 programs and 9.5 million children. Read [Ohio's fact sheet](#).



Save the Date: April 20-22

The Ohio Early Childhood Conference, Sandusky, OH, Kalahari Resort. Utilize the

Child Care Stabilization Grant for your registration fees. [Registration opens soon.](#)

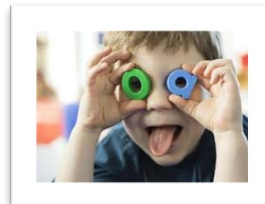
DeWine builds on legacy of leadership for young children

In late September Governor Mike DeWine announced a thoughtful and bold agenda to advance his vision that Ohio be the best place in the nation to have a baby and raise a family. Commitments made by DeWine include vital health care support for pregnant women and young children, targeted initiatives to ensure families are financially, physically and emotionally stable, and the pursuit of family-friendly policies for the state's workforce.

[Read the initiative.](#)

The real reason children fidget

In this insightful and [research-backed talk](#), Angela



Hanscom delivers a profound case for the restoration of more movement and outdoor play experiences for children. Angela Hanscom is a pediatric occupational therapist and founder of TimberNook, an award-winning developmental and nature-based program that has gained international popularity.

CDF-Ohio reminds families that there's **still time to claim the Child Tax Credit**. Here is a link to a useful [tax tool for claiming the CTC](#).

Had a baby in 2020 or 2021?

You could get up to \$5,000 in federal money for your baby. **(\$3600 with the Child Tax Credit plus a \$1400 stimulus payment)**

Getting this money does not impact your immigration status or the status of people you live with.



- ⦿ You could also get other payments for yourself and any other children you have.
- ⦿ You can get this money even if you have never done taxes before or if you have not in the last few years.
- ⦿ This money does not count for most benefits, like SNAP, WIC, TANF, MEDICAID, CHIP, SSI, Emergency Assistance shelter, and most types of public and subsidized housing.
- ⦿ If you didn't get the 2020 stimulus payments for a baby born in 2020 (\$500 for the first payment and \$600 for the second), you can get these by filing a late or amended 2020 tax return.

Get your money now!
Scan the QR Code or go to www.getCTC.org/CTCOH





Child Care Manual Procedure Letter No. 159

TO: All Child Care Manual Holders

FROM: Matt Damschroder, Director

SUBJECT: Update to the JFS 08087 Communicable Disease Chart

Background:

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) recently revised their guidelines to protect against COVID-19 in child care and educational settings. As a result, the prescribed form JFS 08087 "Communicable Disease Chart" has been updated to amend the response guidelines for COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2). Per Chapters 5101:2-12, 5101:2-13 and 5101:2-18 of the Ohio Administrative Code, the JFS 08087 must be posted in the child care center, family child care home and approved day camp.

New Guidelines for COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) as stated on the JFS 08087:

EXCLUSION

Children and staff with a positive test or signs and symptoms consistent with COVID-19 shall be excluded until criteria to discontinue isolation has been met. For the latest criteria, please visit the Schools, Child Care, and Colleges section of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>

QUARANTINE

Quarantine at home may be recommended for close contacts of someone diagnosed with COVID-19, depending on vaccination status and previous disease history. For details on quarantine recommendations, please visit the Quarantine and Isolation section of CDC's website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>. For school specific considerations, please visit the Schools, Child Care, and Colleges section of CDC's website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>.

CONTROL

Encourage vaccination of eligible persons, unless contraindicated. Isolate children who begin to show symptoms while in the building away from others when possible, in an isolation room if available. Recommended prevention measures include adequate ventilation, modifying spaces to allow better distancing, handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, and cleaning and disinfection (EPA List N). Additional measures (e.g., masking, physical distancing, cohorting, etc.) may be recommended under certain situations. Your child care program or school might need to implement additional procedures if an outbreak occurs. If an outbreak is suspected, work with your local health department to determine next steps. Further guidance can be found at the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/index.html>.

REPORTING

Report to the local health department as described in the Ohio Department of Health's Infectious Disease Control Manual: <https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/infectious-disease-control-manual/section3/section-3-coronavirus-disease-2019>. Vaccine available. Please check with local health department regarding eligibility guidelines.

Implementation:

Programs will not be required to order the revised chart. Programs must print this procedure letter and post it next to the chart to meet compliance with the Ohio Administrative Code. Programs may order a new chart once they become available in the warehouse.

Questions:

Please contact the Child Care Policy Helpdesk at childcarepolicy@jfs.ohio.gov or 1-877-302-2347, option 4, if you have any questions.