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**To:** Regional Licensing Offices

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**Subject:** Child Care COVID-19 Training

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**COVID-19 Online Training is now available on the DEC website**

The COVID-19 Online Training builds on the Basic Health and Safety training. It includes the most current and specific guidelines for child care programs from Maryland Department of Education, Office of Child Care (MSDE/OCC), Maryland Department of Health (MDH), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Guidelines change as experts continue to learn more about the coronavirus and ways to reduce its spread. This training includes what is known at this time.

Here's what you need to know about the training:

**Is this training mandatory?** Yes, it is. All child care staff, providers, volunteers and substitutes must complete this training by January 31, 2021.

**How much does the training cost?** The training is free and only available on our website.

**Where can providers register for the training?** Registration is only available at <https://earlychildhood.marylandpublicschools.org/training>

**How long is the training?** The training is approximately 1.5 hours long and doesn't have to be completed in one sitting.

**How often does the course run?** There will be a course starting on every Wednesday beginning October 14th. The course will open on a Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. and close on the following Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

**What happens if a provider isn't able to complete the course in a week?** The provider's username and password will expire. They will be required to register for the course again and complete the training.

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**Is there a limit on how many students can be in the class at once?** Yes, there is a limit. Up to 3,000 students can be enrolled in each cohort. Registration cuts off when there are 3,000 registrants. Registration for the next course will be available as a waitlist.

**Can someone fail the course?** No, there isn't a pass or fail requirement for this course.

**Will there be a certificate given at the end of the course?** Yes. The Certificate of Completion will look like this (see below) with the provider's name in the space where Demo User is:

