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Partner in Health:

The Governor's announcement last week to close K-12 schools through April 5th did not include the closure of daycare facilities (per Executive Order 2020-5). Daycare facilities are exempt from this closure and can remain open. Based on available evidence, children do not appear to be at higher risk for COVID-19 than adults. For more information about children and coronavirus, visit tinyurl.com/LenaweeCOVIDinfo. Look for Coronavirus and Children- Information from the CDC, under the More Information section.

Daycares are encouraged to continue preventative measures to avoid illnesses such as:

- Actively ask all parents if the child is experiencing any symptoms of illness including fever or cough.
- Exclude ill students and staff from the facility.
- Enhance cleaning of high touch surfaces like door knobs, toilet handles, and sink handles.
- Ensure that hand sanitizer, soap/paper towels, and tissues are widely available in facilities.
- Remind students to cover their coughs/sneezes with a tissue or their elbow.
- Minimize the mixing of children from different rooms or groups.

Additionally, please consider other measures to increase social distancing such as:

- Canceling or postponing events that bring groups of families and students into more frequent contact with each other.
- Have a separate room for sick children to be in while waiting for a caregiver to pick them up if they become ill during the day.
- Limiting the number of people that have contact with students in the building including parents or volunteers during the day.
- Having students eat meals in their classrooms or in smaller cohorts in the facility.

Encourage parents or guardians to build a plan for backup childcare in the event that the daycare facility may close in the future if there is substantial spread of COVID-19 in our community. Additionally, create a plan for notifying parents or guardians, in the event that the daycare facility must close, or encourage parents to call ahead to make sure you are open.

Lenawee County Health Department staff are working diligently to monitor this evolving situation and will continue to provide new information to the community as things change.

If you have questions or are seeing increases in illness and would like to consult with our team, please call us at (517) 264-5226, option 5.

For up-to-date information, please follow us on Facebook or visit www.lenaweehealthdepartment.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Hall".

Martha Hall, Health Officer

The mission of the Lenawee County Health Department is to promote a safe and healthy environment.