ORDERS FOR DAYCARE (ADULT AND CHILDREN) SETTINGS IN EL PASO CITY-COUNTY

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In lieu of the current state of emergency due to the presence of the coronavirus COVID-19 in our community, the City of El Paso Department of Public Health (DPH) is issuing the following Health Authority Orders for Daycare Settings:

Staff and Attendees:

- Identify daycare workers over the age of 60 with serious chronic medical conditions and assign them to areas with minimal exposure to visitors and attendees.
- Monitor staff and attendees upon arrival and departure for possible signs and symptoms of COVID-19 such as:
  - fever greater than 100°F,
  - cough,
  - shortness of breath.
- Any symptomatic staff or attendee should be dismissed until they are fever free without medications for >24 hrs and have no cough.
- Isolate any symptomatic attendee until picked-up by parent.
- Attendance should be prohibited to any staff/attendee who:
  - Is a confirmed case of COVID-19 until cleared by City of El Paso Department of Public Health
  - In the previous 14 days has had contact with someone with a confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19;
  - is under investigation for COVID-19; or
  - In the previous 14 days has travelled internationally to countries with widespread, sustained community transmission.

Daycare Operations:

- No more than 20 attendees per room will be allowed at the same time.
- Lunches should be programmed and staggered to prevent crowding in lunchroom.

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- Ensure that each attendee is provided individual meals and snacks. Do not serve family style meals.
- Prohibit any person except the following from accessing an operation:
  - operation staff.
  - persons with legal authority to enter, including law enforcement officers, HHSC Attendee Care Licensing staff, and Department of Family and Protective Services staff
  - professionals providing services to attendees
  - attendees enrolled at the operation and
  - parents or legal guardians who have attendees enrolled and present at the operation.
- Require pickup and drop-off of attendees outside of the operation, unless it's determined that there is a legitimate need for the parent to enter an operation.
- No more than 1 parent, guardian or designee can pick up or drop off an attendee.
- Make water and soap available to perform frequent handwashing during the day.
- Review and improve current cleaning practices of your daycare setting.
- Make available and visible COVID-19 prevention print materials in your daycare.

The proposed orders are to be effective immediately and publicly disseminated around the city and county of El Paso, Texas.

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