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Dear daycare providers, medical community and parents of those who attend childcare,

The Calvert County Health Department has reviewed the ever-shifting and occasionally conflicting information that has come to us via MDH/MSDE and the CDC. In an effort to streamline processes, and taking the latest Omicron data into account, the Health Department has updated the quarantine and isolation protocols for children 2-5 years of age.

In line with MDH/MSDE's current recommendations, CCHD will institute a 5-day quarantine and isolation protocol for all children who are 2 years of age and older who can consistently mask wear throughout the day. Children returning to daycare on Day 6 will need to be monitored by daycare staff to ensure they are wearing their masks appropriately. If they are unable to properly wear a face mask, they should not return to daycare until they complete a full 10-day quarantine.

For children who return 6 days after the onset of infection or following exposure to a person with Covid, the only times that masks may be removed are when a child is outdoors, eating, or taking a nap. During meal or nap time, children should be at least 6 feet away from others.

Any child returning earlier than a full 10-day quarantine should be carefully monitored for symptoms of illness. If they display any signs of illness, they should be picked up by their parent/guardian as soon as possible and tested for Covid.

In keeping with earlier guidance, children under 2 years of age should not wear a mask due to the risk of suffocation. These children will continue to require a full 10-day isolation or quarantine period.

Please keep in mind that all businesses, including daycare/childcare facilities, can enact stricter policies than those set forth by local and state guidance. In some cases, daycare staff or close family members have underlying health conditions that place them at higher-risk of serious complications from Covid. Please be understanding of the health and safety needs of others. Additionally, if a medical provider counsels a family to proceed with a longer quarantine or isolation process, this advice should be followed.

Any room closures that have occurred for children under 2 will remain the same. If there are mixed age groups that include children under 2 years of age, those closures will remain the same.

Any room closures for children 2 years of age and up that happened due to an exposure on 1/18/2022 or prior will be allowed to reopen on 1/24/2022 as long as the guidelines presented herein are followed.

Any room closures for children 2 years of age and up that happened due to an exposure on 1/19/2022 or thereafter will be allowed to reopen after their appropriate 5 day quarantine period as long as the guidelines presented herein are followed.

As always, please notify us at daycare.calvert@maryland.gov if you have questions or concerns. We are also available at 410-535-5400, ext 419.

Sincerely,
Dr. Folsom Elder, Dr. Polsky, and the daycare team