



## **Changes and Updates**

### **COVID-19 Guidance for Georgia Child Care Facilities**

This document is designed to help you keep track of the significant, ongoing changes and new available supports for child care facilities across Georgia.

#### **Key Changes – 4/22/2021**

##### Main document

- Added new Executive Order date 3.31.21.03
- Drop-off/ Arrival Procedures (page 7) - restricting families' access to child care facility is no longer required but a recommendation
- Preventing the Spread in the Child Care Environment (page 13) - recommendation that gatherings involving family be virtual when possible
- Cleaning and Hygiene (pages 9 and 10) – certain disinfection practices are no longer required but a recommendation
- Food Preparation and Meal Service (page 12) – Serving meals and snacks in individual classrooms instead of common dining area is no longer a requirement
- COVID-19 Guidance Checklist (page 38) – Checklist removed practices that are no longer requirements

#### **Key Changes - 1/5/2021**

##### Main document

- Added DECAL logo

#### **Key Changes - 12/14/2020**

##### Main document

- Clarified language regarding the definition of a close contact (pages 19, 20, and Appendices)
- Clarified what is required for child care facilities to report to DECAL and public health (page 26)
- Added a section entitled 'Quarantine Guidance' to reflect new CDC and DPH quarantine guidance (page 25)
- Clarified the categories found in the table on page 24
- Updated document with grammatical and wording changes

### Appendices

- Updated the Appendices to include fillable documents
- [Updated the letters in the Appendices to reflect updated CDC and DPH quarantine guidance](#)
- [Updated the symptoms on the "Symptom Screening Checklist" – reflects screening children and staff to assess whether they have ONE of the following symptoms \(fever or chills, new cough, new loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing\) or TWO of the following symptoms \(sore throat, diarrhea, fatigue, new nasal congestion/stuffy or runny nose, nausea, muscle or body aches, new severe/very bad headache, vomiting, chills\)](#)
- [Updated the 'Stop: Coronavirus Information' sign to reflect updated symptoms \(as outlined above\)](#)