DATE: July 7, 2020

TO: Providers of Services to Young Children

FROM: Beth Bye, Commissioner

RE: Coronavirus Memo #26
Child Care Guidance Regarding State of CT Travel Advisories

The Office of Early Childhood understands that programs serving young children will be impacted by Executive Order 7BBB, effective June 25, 2020. Such order states that anyone traveling into Connecticut from a state that has a new daily positive test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents or a state with a 10% or higher positivity rate over a 7-day rolling average are directed to self-quarantine for a 14-day period from the time of last contact within the identified state. While this Order is advisory and strongly urges visitors to Connecticut from an identified state and residents returning to Connecticut from an identified state to self-quarantine, it is up to individuals to abide by the advisory.

The OEC strongly urges programs to develop a written policy that outlines how the program will implement this travel advisory and share such policy with all staff and parents.

In developing this policy, the program may wish to consider:
- Reference to the advisory by the State of Connecticut;
- Inclusion of the web address for travel advisory as the source of information: https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Travel-In-or-Out-of-CT;
- Identification of any steps the program will take relative to children and its employees who travel to identified states;
- Posting the policy and/or the travel advisory on site at the program;
- The term of the policy to coincide with the travel advisory or until Executive Order 7BBB expires.

The State of Connecticut maintains an information page related to the travel advisory and all state residents are urged to consult it regarding their travel and any subsequent need for self-quarantine. This information is available at: https://portal.ct.gov/Coronavirus/Covid-19-Knowledge-Base/Travel-In-or-Out-of-CT.