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DATE: March 26, 2021

TO: Providers of Services to Young Children

FROM: Beth Bye, Commissioner

RE: Cononavirus Memo 37  
Guidance for Vaccinated Individuals who work in Child Care, Youth Camp, Birth To Three And Home Visiting Programs Serving Children

The Office of Early Childhood continues to work in close communication with the Governor, the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the state's Emergency Operations Center as we continue to navigate through the pandemic.

This memo provides guidance for child care, youth camp, Birth to Three and home visiting providers regarding precautions that are taken once individuals are fully vaccinated. Providers were eligible for priority access to vaccines as of March 1, 2021. The Centers for Disease Control states that people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 more than 2 weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or more than 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Janssen ).<sup>i</sup>

The CDC's [Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#) advises that these individuals may:

- Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing;
- Visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing;
- Refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure if asymptomatic.

However, in child care, youth camp, Birth to Three and home visiting settings, fully vaccinated people:

- Must continue to follow Department of Economic and Community Development [Safe Workplace Rules for Essential Employers](#) including that staff should continue to wear masks;
- Must follow enhanced health and safety precautions;
- Are not required to quarantine or be tested if they are exposed AND show no COVID-like symptoms;

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- Isolate themselves from others, and seek medical advice on care and testing, if they experience symptoms consistent with COVID-19.

The vaccine is not mandated by the State of CT. A program may consider adopting a policy that requires staff to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and may wish to consult their own legal counsel in doing so.

For more information on vaccine access the Department of Public Health webpage is available at <https://portal.ct.gov/Vaccine-Portal>. The OEC's website includes information on vaccines <https://www.ctoec.org/covid-19/vaccine/> and [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

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<sup>i</sup> †This guidance applies to COVID-19 vaccines currently authorized for emergency use by the Food and Drug Administration: Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen COVID-19 vaccines. Considerations for applying this guidance to vaccines that are not FDA-authorized include whether the vaccine product has received emergency approval from the World Health Organization or authorization from a national regulatory agency.