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Emergency 9- Updates to Social Gathering Limits'.

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TO: Child Day Centers, Short-Term Child Day Centers, Certified Preschools, Voluntarily Registered Family Day Homes, Family Day Homes, Family Day Systems, Religiously Exempt Child Day Centers, Child Care Programs Filing Exempt, and Unlicensed Child Day Programs Receiving Child Care Subsidy Assistance

FROM: Tara Ragland, Director, Division of Licensing Programs

RE: Seventh Amended Executive Order Seventy-Two and Order of Public Health Emergency 9- Updates to Social Gathering Limits

Governor Northam's [Seventh Amended Executive Order Seventy-Two and Order of Public Health Emergency 9, effective May 15, 2021](#) updates social gathering limits. Effective May 15, 2021, the maximum number of individuals permitted in a social gathering will increase from 50 to 100 individuals for indoor settings, and to 250 individuals for outdoor settings. All child care program events and extracurricular activities held at the program must be limited to a maximum attendance of 100 individuals indoors and 250 individuals if held outdoors. This maximum number does not apply to classroom sizes or children in care at summer day camps.

Child care programs are encouraged to monitor [Governor Northam's updates to Executive Orders](#) in the coming weeks as there may be additional changes. Guidelines and information for child care programs in response to COVID-19 will be updated to reflect the transition and oversight of child care to the Department of Education and will include any other changes from the administration.

The CDC offers guidance for reopening [child care programs](#). For more information on Virginia's response to COVID-19 and relevant updates and guidelines, see [VDSS COVID-19 Response](#), [VDSS COVID- 19 \(Coronavirus\) Update and Resources for ChildcareVA](#), and the [Virginia Department of Health](#) website.

We value our child care providers and we are grateful for your commitment to safely operating child care for Virginia's children and families. Thank you for safely serving Virginia's children and families at a time when they need you the most.