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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: November 17, 2021
TO: Adult Programs and Child Welfare Programs
FROM: Tara Ragland, Director, Division of Licensing Programs
SUBJECT: UPDATE -VDSS Division of Licensing Programs (DOLP) Return to Full, Onsite Inspections
EFFECTIVE: Immediately

The Division has continued to closely monitor statewide disease transmission/infection statistics from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) as well as guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), VDH, and the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry (VDOLI) regarding the precautions necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Based on a current evaluation of this information, VDSS DOLP have resumed conducting full, onsite field inspections, effective immediately. As part of the reinstatement of full onsite field inspections, licensing inspectors will commence with onsite documentation/record reviews as well as direct observations of medication administration and related provisions.

In consideration of the health and safety of providers, facility staff, licensing staff, and the community, licensing inspectors will continue to conduct pre-screening communicable disease assessments, wear applicable PPE, and adhere to social distancing guidelines and current CDC and VDH guidelines.

We appreciate your ongoing flexibility and continued commitment to the safety of the individuals you support and your staff. Our licensing staff continues to stand ready to serve as a resource to all providers. We will continue to notify you of any updated information.

Please contact your licensing inspector if you have any questions.