



Town Hall Meeting: 1-4-2021

Bi-Weekly Update



01.04.2021

Town Hall Agenda

- Welcome
- SR and VPK Payment for January
- Enrollment Updates
- E-Verify
- VPK AP-2 and VPK Pilot Project
- Child Assessment Period 2
- Temporary Closures
- COVID Update
- Questions



January SR and VPK Payment

- Open SR providers will be reimbursed for up to 10 total absences (3 excused and up to 7 with documentation). **Please note that documentation is once again required beyond the first three absences.**
- **Parents are required to pay the SR copayments.**
- Open VPK providers will continue to be reimbursed according to the “80/20 rule” consistent with the VPK contract. This means that providers will be reimbursed 100% for students who attend at least 80% of the month.

Enrollment Updates

- Preparing for SR enrollments for the coming year
- ELC staff will be calling requesting capacity
- SR children not attending should be terminated
 - Lee/Hendry/Glades- Delia Buckley 239-935-6127
 - Collier- Amanda Devariste 239-935-6113
- Be sure to check enrollment queues
- VPK COEs need to be submitted with all enrollments
- New VPK enrollments submitted in the portal will not be approved until we receive the completed form



2 Training Opportunities Open

- Preschool Development Training
 - Infant/Toddler Mental Health
 - Bronwyn.Gogia@elcofswfl.org
 - Curriculum-Due date has passed
 - Cheryl.Carpenter@elcofswfl.org



E-Verify

- All new contracts after 1/1/2021
 - Current providers with a 20-21 contract do not have to do anything until they apply for a 21-22 SR or VPK contract
- To enroll visit:
 - <https://www.e-verify.gov/employers/enrolling-in-e-verify>
- Upload signed affidavit to the document tab in your Provider Profile
- Questions can be directed to your Early Childhood Specialist



VPK

- VPK AP-2 should be done this month and entered into Bright Beginnings by February 15th 
- **VPK Progress Monitoring Pilot Project**
 - **Assessment window opens today, January 4th and closes February 5th.**
 - **Technology devices and headphones have been ordered but providers do not need to wait to take the assessment.**
 - **Should these devices become lost or damaged, replacements will not be provided.**
- Star Early Literacy Assessment technology support will be available by contacting Renaissance Place Help Desk: 1-800-338-4204 or PilotVPK@renaissance.com.



Child Assessment

- Winter Child Assessments are due by January 31st. (Sunday)
- Get them done early so you are not getting phone calls all day Friday the 29th.
- Be sure to Finalize them!



Options to Reduce Quarantine for Contacts of Person with COVID-19

- There have been some changes by the CDC in the quarantine guidelines for those with close contact to someone who tests positive for COVID 19 or is showing symptoms.
- Definition: A close contact is any individual who was within 6 feet of the person with COVID for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more during a 24 hour period or had contact with the person's body fluids and/or secretions (for example, being coughed or sneezed on, sharing a drink or food utensils)
- The health department in each county provides specific guidance for childcare centers in that community.
- At this time, and it could change tomorrow, this is what we know:
 - Collier County – 14-day quarantine for close contact

COVID-19 updates, continued

- Lee, Hendry and Glades Counties:

Without testing, an asymptomatic close contact may end quarantine after completion of Day 10

If an asymptomatic close contact gets tested by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test on Day 6 or later and receives a negative result, then they may end quarantine after completion of Day 7 (results usually take 48-72 hours – not the quick test)

Both cases – Individuals are to strictly follow the public health guidelines through Day 14, including consistent use of face mask, social distancing (6 feet), hand hygiene, avoiding close contact and crowds, and self-monitoring for symptoms.

COVID updates, continued

- **Be aware that the guidelines for K-12 are not the guidelines that childcare is to follow.**
- The Florida Department of Health website refers to the CDC for childcare guidelines; <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/more/scientific-brief-options-to-reduce-quarantine.html> is the link on the CDC site with the most recent guidelines.
- For county quarantine guidance, call your local health department or Danna Breeden at 239-825-5218 (childcare providers only). Please direct parents to call the local Department of Health with questions.

Announcements & Questions?

- New trainings are available on the ELC website, including more CLASS, ASQ and health trainings. Go to the homepage and click on “Click here to register for trainings” on the bottom of the page.
- Provider Questions from the Chat Box
- Questions/comments from you





Thank you!

Our next meeting will be on 1/19/2021

We will be meeting every other week on Tuesdays or as announced

Thank you for your continuing support of children and families now, and especially during the current health emergency!

Happy New Year!

