



# **Town Hall Meeting: 2-16-2021**

## **Bi-Weekly Update**



# 02.16.2021

## Town Hall Agenda

- Welcome
- VPK AP-2 and VPK Pilot Project
- Child Assessment Period 2
- COVID Vaccination/Quarantine Update
- School Readiness Rates Increase
- Questions



# VPK

- VPK AP-2 should be completed and entered into Bright Beginnings. Questions, email Bron or Sharyn.Harris@elcofswfl.org
- **VPK Progress Monitoring Pilot Project**
  - **Assessment window has been extended to February 26<sup>th</sup>.**
  - **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](mailto:PilotVPK@renaissance.com).



# Child Assessment



- Spring Child Assessments are due by April 30th.

## Something to Remember

- Be sure all assessments are finalized.
- Finalizing the last Dimension does not finalize all of them.
- When in doubt, Complete and Finalized 
- Complete but Not Finalized 
- In Progress 
- Not Started 

# COVID Vaccination/Quarantine Update

- There is new guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) regarding vaccinated persons.
- If a person has been vaccinated, they should still:
  - . Wear a mask
  - . Stay at least 6 feet away from others
  - . Avoid crowds
  - . Avoid poorly ventilated spaces
  - . Cover coughs and sneezes
  - . Wash hands often
  - . Follow CDC travel guidance <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>
  - . Follow applicable workplace or school guidance regarding personal protective equipment and COVID testing

# COVID Vaccination/Quarantine cont.

- Vaccinated persons with an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are **not required to quarantine** if they meet all the following criteria:
  - Are fully vaccinated (i.e.,  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or  $\geq 2$  weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine)
  - Are within 3 months following receipt of the last dose in the series
  - Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure

# COVID-19 Vaccination/Quarantine cont.

- Persons who do not meet all three of these criteria should continue to follow current quarantine guidance after exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- If you have specific questions, please call Danna Breeden, RN at 239-825-5218

# Children's Week- April 4-9, 2021

- Children's Week provides a platform for advocates to deliver the message that every child in Florida should be health, ready to learn and able to achieve their full potential.
- Mail your artwork any time before **March 25, 2021**
  - The Early Learning Coalition of the Big Bend Region  
2639 N Monroe St, Building C  
Tallahassee, FL 32303



# School Readiness Rates Increase

- The ELC maximum school readiness rates have been increased for the majority of children ages B-5.
- Most of you received increases in your rates
- Those increases are effective January 1, 2021
- New rates will be available on our website by 2/19  
<https://elcofswfl.org/school-readiness-information/>
- Your payment for January on February 19 will include the new rates.
- Amendments will be initiated the week of 2/22/21, to document your acknowledgement and agreement to the ELC increased rates.

# School Readiness Amendment Meetings

- There will be two meetings offered on Wednesday February 24, 2021 that will explain how to complete the amendments required for the rate increase.
- 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm
- Watch for a blast with the Zoom information
- If you have any questions, please contact your Early Childhood Specialist.

# 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 3/2/2021**

**We will meet every other week on Tuesdays or as announced**

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

