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Child Care Closure due to COVID-19: Partial Closure Assessment Resource

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The attached resource may be used by local health departments when communicating with a child care provider to make a closure recommendation related to a confirmed or probable COVID-19 case. A child care program may be considered for **PARTIAL CLOSURE (closure of only one classroom)** if the program is utilizing certain social distancing strategies and infection control procedures including, but not limited to, the items listed below. **Local health departments should consider the available information and use their best judgement as to whether it is safe to close one classroom versus the entire child care program.**

NOTE: A **classroom cohort** is a defined group of children and staff from one classroom. Each classroom cohort must include the same group of children every day and from week to week, and the same child care staff who remain with the same group of children each day, from week to week and do not work in any other classrooms.

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Child Care Center Name: _____ Date of Assessment/Call: _____

Name of Center Contact: _____ Contact Number: _____

Initial Assessment:			
The program is a child care center and NOT a family child care home	YES	NO The program is a family child care home	If NO, the family child care home is not able to be considered for partial closure.
The program does NOT have more than TWO COVID-19 cases or probable cases AND the cases are limited to the same classroom cohort of children and staff in the program	YES	NO There are more than two cases or cases are not restricted to one classroom cohort of children and staff	If NO, the program is not able to be considered for partial closure.

If the response to BOTH questions above is YES, the center MAY be eligible for partial closure. Proceed to the next items.

Social Distancing Practices		
The persons who are the COVID-19 cases or probable cases did not have close, prolonged contact with persons in the program who were outside of the defined classroom cohort of children and staff	YES	NO
Comments/description:		
Drop off and pick up are staggered by child/family (entering/exiting one at a time, by time slot, or within the same classroom cohort) with no close, prolonged contact between classrooms	YES	NO
Comments/description:		

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Drop off and pick up procedure prohibit parents from entering the building OR allow parents to access only a limited area just inside the entrance with social distancing during temperature/symptom checks and child hand-off	YES	NO
Comments/description:		
There is no mixing of classroom cohorts (i.e., teachers, children and floaters do not have close, prolonged contact with those from another classroom cohort) at any time throughout the day	YES	NO
Comments/description:		
Other Infection Control Procedures		
No common areas are shared by staff (e.g., break room area) unless these are restricted to use by one staff person at a time and high touch surfaces are cleaned and sanitized between uses	YES	NO
Comments/description:		
The children in each classroom have a designated restroom to be used only by the children in that classroom OR if this is not possible, restrooms are used by one child or classroom at a time and high touch surfaces are cleaned and sanitized after each use	YES	NO
Comments/description:		
Child care program staff do not share a common restroom OR if a shared staff restroom must be used, the restroom is used by one person at a time and high touch surfaces are cleaned and sanitized after each use	YES	NO
Comments/description:		

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There is no sharing of toys and other activity items between classrooms unless the toys are cleaned and sanitized between uses	YES	NO
Comments/description:		
If playground equipment is used, is it used by only one classroom at a time and cleaned and sanitized between use by different classroom cohorts	YES	NO
Comments/description:		
There is a distinct isolation room or area outside of the classrooms that can be used to isolate a sick child or staff member	YES	NO
Comments/description:		
The center is able to close off any area(s) including the classroom used by an ill person and not use it for other children or staff until the area(s) is cleaned and sanitized according to CDC guidance	YES	NO
Comments/description:		
Symptom and Temperature Checks		
The program maintains documentation of daily temperature and symptom checks for all staff and children	YES	NO
Comments/description:		