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TO: ALL CHILD CARE FACILITY LICENSEES AND PROVIDERS

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SUBJECT: **MULTISYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME IN CHILDREN (MIS-C)
AND CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

Provider Information Notice (PIN) Summary

PIN 20-18-CCP provides information regarding Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C), recently identified by health authorities as being linked to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The Child Care Licensing Program seeks to provide child care facility licensees and providers with the latest developments and guidance surrounding the current public health emergency. This PIN provides information regarding a newly emerging pediatric illness known as Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C), which is associated with COVID-19.

MIS-C is a rare but serious complication of COVID-19 affecting children. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), MIS-C is a condition where different body parts can become inflamed, including the heart, lungs, kidneys, brain, skin, eyes, or gastrointestinal organs. Children with MIS-C may have any of the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Abdominal pain
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

- Neck pain
- Rash
- Bloodshot eyes
- Feeling extra tired

When a child care facility licensee or provider observes a child having any of these symptoms, the licensee or provider must isolate the child and immediately notify the child's parent or guardian. (See 22 Cal. Code Regs §§ 101226.2, 101226.3, 102417(e).) The CDC recommends that parents or guardians contact their child's doctor, nurse, or clinic right away if the child is showing any of these symptoms. Early diagnosis and treatment of children is critical to preventing long-term complications.

Additionally, a licensee or provider should call 9-1-1 if a child in care is observed with any of the following emergency warning signs of MIS-C:

- Trouble breathing
- Pain or pressure in the chest that does not go away
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face
- Severe abdominal pain

The CDC acknowledges that it is still learning about MIS-C. Based on what is known about this illness, the CDC states that the best way to protect children is by taking the same precautions used to guard against COVID-19. For additional information, please refer to:

- CDC Webpage for Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C): <https://www.cdc.gov/mis-c/>

CDC Official Health Advisory dated May 14, 2020: [Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children \(MIS-C\) Associated with Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

Please visit covid19.ca.gov/childcare for updated child care facility information, and adhere to the Governor's COVID-19 [Updated Guidance for Child Care Programs and Providers](#).

If you have any child care licensing related questions regarding the COVID-19 public health emergency, please contact the Department's Coronavirus General Question Inbox at CCLCOVID-19INFO@dss.ca.gov. For all other child care questions, please contact your [Local Regional Office](#) or visit the [Child Care Licensing Website](#).