Health Alert Network Message

Licking County Daycare COVID-19 Update
September 1, 2023

The Licking County Health Department (LCHD) continues to monitor COVID-19 data and will follow data tracking protocols established during the height of the pandemic response. LCHD is prioritizing specific settings including Licensed Daycares in the county. If LCHD identifies increased COVID-19 activity in the community, a health alert will be sent to inform partners.

Daycare Facility Data Reporting
If Daycare Facilities identify COVID-19 cases in children and/or staff, we are asking you to report the number of cases to LCHD by using this Link: https://forms.office.com/r/SdRBngE8rS. This link is intended to provide LCHD with COVID-19 numbers at your facility. We are not asking you to report each individual that has COVID-19.

Individual COVID-19 Data Reporting
Daycare staff and parents of daycare children can report positive at-home COVID-19 tests using this Link: Licking County Health Department Unproctored COVID-19 Reporting Assistance Form (office.com). This link can be emailed/texted to your daycare parents and posted on your website for easy access.

Facilities should continue to follow their established plans for responding to COVID-19 cases. If an outbreak is identified within a facility, LCHD will consult with the facility to review procedures and help mitigate transmission.

Current guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning can be found at this Link: Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning | CDC

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is following the CDC guidelines for COVID-19 and daycares should align their plans with these protocols.

Please reach out to the Licking County Health Department and request to speak with someone on the Communicable Disease Team if there are further questions on COVID-19.

Sincerely,

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