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Dear Early Head Start Families,

New guidance was received by our agency regarding an updated mask requirement from the Office of Head Start in Washington D.C. This requirement was added to the Head Start Performance Standards and is stated as the following:

Universal masking, with some noted exceptions, for all individuals two years of age and older when there are two or more individuals in a vehicle owned, leased, or arranged by the Head Start Program; when they are indoors in a setting where Head Start services are provided; and, for those not fully vaccinated, outdoors in crowded settings or during activities that involve close contact with other people. This requirement is effective immediately.

This is a slight change in procedure from what we have had in place. While it doesn't change our masking guidelines or current practice in Head Start, it does add the masking of 2 year-olds in Early Head Start. We will provide the appropriate sized masks for the children while in our classrooms.

We appreciate your continued flexibility and understanding as we follow these requirements and recommendations of the Office of Head Start and the CDC. The health and safety of your children is central to our program guidelines and procedures.

We thank you for your continued support.

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