



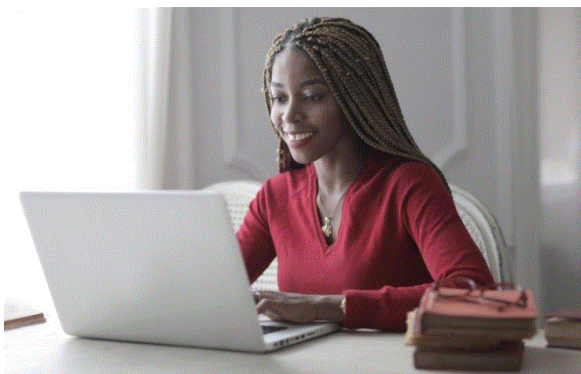
December 11, 2020

**Dear early childhood educator,**

Thank you for being such a valuable community partner. During this COVID-19 pandemic, we want to ensure that you have the most current information and resources. Below are the latest updates.

OFC Staff

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## CARES III Grant information is available!

CARES III grants will **automatically** be awarded to all open and eligible providers who received a CARES I and CARES II grant from VDSS. Applications for providers who have not received a CARES I or II grant will be accepted in January 2021.

[Click here for more information](#)

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## VDSS Updated Child Care Guidance Phase III



Phase III information for child care has been updated based on the amended **Executive Order 63** from Governor Northam. Face coverings requirement for children age 5 and older while indoors is included in the Guidelines for child care in Phase III as well as an updated Child Care FAQ.

[Click here to review](#)

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## Updated COVID-19 Guidance for Child Care Centers presented by the Fairfax County Health Department

On December 2, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued updated COVID-19 guidance. To support child care programs, the Fairfax County Health Department offered an information session for **child care centers** on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> to review the most recent COVID-19 child care guidance and also offered time for programs to raise questions and concerns to the public health experts at the health department.

The Health Department will offer a separate information session for family child care providers in the coming weeks. The Office for Children will email the details of this session to all family child care providers as soon as they become available.

All information sessions will be recorded and will be available on the **Office for Children COVID-19 webpage**.



## Questions?

The Office for Children is here to support you.

If you need assistance or have questions, please contact us at **703-324-8100** or email us at [officeforchildren@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:officeforchildren@fairfaxcounty.gov)



## Grapevine November/December 2020 Issue is now available!

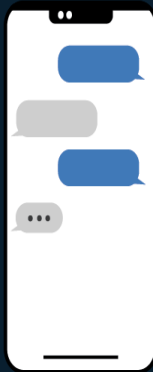
This issue includes articles about how the Supporting Return to School staff are supporting children's virtual learning and before and after-school experiences; Fairfax Futures' annual school readiness virtual symposium; Happy to be Back and virtual learning webinars for early childhood educators and more.

[Read the latest issue here](#)

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[Visit the OFC COVID-19 Webpage for up to date Information and Additional Resources](#)

## Stay Informed about COVID-19 in Fairfax County



### Health Department

- **Call** the Fairfax County Health Department at 703-267-3511. M-F 9:30a.m.-7:00p.m. Weekends 9:30a.m.-5:00p.m.
- **Text** FFXCOVID to 888777 to receive updates from Fairfax County about COVID-19.
  - Español: Text FFXCOIDESP a 888777 para noticias de COVID-19 en Español.
- **Email** [ffxcovid@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ffxcovid@fairfaxcounty.gov)
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