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CITRUS COUNTY
Community Services
Weatherization Assistance

HERNANDO COUNTY
Children's Advocacy Center
Community Assistance
Early Head Start
Head Start
Senior Services
Transportation
(Trans Hernando)
Weatherization Assistance

LAKE COUNTY
Senior Services

PASCO COUNTY
Community Services
Weatherization Assistance

POLK COUNTY
Senior Services


SUMTER COUNTY
Community Services
Head Start
Senior Services
Weatherization Assistance

VOLUSIA COUNTY
Early Head Start
Head Start
Weatherization Assistance

Parents & Guardians,

First, we would like to thank you for your support and understanding as we, as a nation and community, continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. While we are in the business of educating, our first priority is the safety of your children and our employees. This is why we will continue to follow the recommended guidance for operating child care programs offered by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), which specifically identifies Head Start programs. These recommendations are that everyone two years and older wear a mask when indoors or in close proximity to others. Additionally, if your child shows signs and symptoms of illness, it is extremely important that they stay home. At our centers, we will continue to implement frequent handwashing, physical distancing where possible, and enhanced cleaning and disinfecting.


Even with all of the prevention strategies mentioned above, there is still the possibility that COVID-19 may affect children or staff, and classroom closures may happen. This may occur when there is a COVID positive case in the classroom, but may also happen when staff are quarantined due to exposure, causing a shortage of staff. If a positive COVID case is identified in your child's classroom, you will be notified by our staff and contacted by the local health department for further direction. We must be proactive and be prepared during these ever-changing times. We appreciate your cooperation and should you have any questions please contact your center's Child Development Specialist (CDS).


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