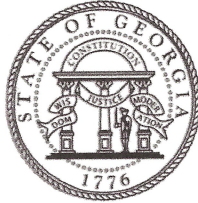


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**Notice regarding COVID-19 Reporting**

This notice is regarding the regulatory requirement for Rule 290-9-2-.08(7)(g) of the Rules and Regulations for Child Caring Institutions, Chapter 290-2-5, which requires that detailed written summary reports shall be made to the Department of Human Services (DHS), Residential Child Care Licensing (RCCL) unit electronically or by fax on the required incident intake information form (IIF) within 24 hours of a serious occurrence involving children in care, including but not limited to:

(g) Any illness of children or illness of a facility staff having personal contact with children in care known to have resulted from an identified pandemic or infectious disease outbreak.

Effective October 14, 2022, Residential Child Care Licensing (RCCL) will waive the reporting requirement noted above as it relates to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, until further notice, RCCL will no longer require the reporting of minor cases of confirmed COVID-19 diagnoses or cases of COVID-19 exposure for staff or children in care unless such instances are related to other reportable serious occurrences such as death, urgent medical care treatment and/or hospitalization, living unit closures, and/or law enforcement involvement.

If you have any questions concerning this matter or have additional feedback, please contact me at [Elizabeth.Vinyard@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Vinyard@dhs.ga.gov) or [RCS@dhs.ga.gov](mailto:RCS@dhs.ga.gov).

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