RESOURCES FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS

RESOURCES FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

● The CARES Act includes $100 billion in funding for eligible health care providers that can use these funds for constructing temporary structures, purchasing medical supplies, including Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), increasing workforce, preparing for surge capacity, among other things. The Secretary of Health and Human Services is expected to release guidance on the application process shortly.

● The relief package includes $16 billion to replenish the Strategic National Stockpile with PPE and other supplies, and $1 billion to boost domestic supply chains in order to ramp up production of PPE.

● For the most up to date information visit: [www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_healthcare.shtml](http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_healthcare.shtml)

CHILDCARE FOR FRONTLINE WORKERS

The CARES Act includes:

○ $3.5 billion in additional funding for the Child Care Development Block Grant program to provide child care assistance to health care sector employees, emergency responders, and other workers deemed essential, including $62,593,198 in supplemental funding specifically for New Jersey.

○ An additional $3 billion in funding for states and Governors to use within the Education Stabilization fund which allows states to award funds to early childhood education programs and services.

○ And $750 million in additional Head Start funding to help child care centers respond to the COVID-19 related needs of children and families

**For child care providers that remain open, what actions should they take to prevent the spread of COVID-19?**

The CDC published guidance for child care facilities that remain open amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. The guidance includes recommendations on social distancing, cleaning and disinfection, drop off and pick up procedures, and communication with staff and families. You can access that guidance at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-childcare.html).

**What should a child care facility do when a child or staff member tests positive for COVID-19?**

The CDC published guidance for schools and child care facilities on how to respond when a child or staff member tests positive for COVID-19. Access the guidance at: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-schools.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-schools.html), and scroll to the section titled, "When a Confirmed Case Has Entered a School."