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## Child Care Center Manual Transmittal Letter No. 34

**TO:** All Child Care Center Manual Holders

FROM: Matt Damschroder, Director

**SUBJECT:** Rescission of the Transitional Pandemic Child Care Center Rules

## **Background:**

On April 1, 2021, in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) implemented permanent transitional pandemic rules to ensure that children continued to be safe in child care settings. These rules reflected guidance from the Ohio Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The transitional child care center pandemic rules were to be in effect until the Governor of Ohio rescinded the state of emergency and/or directed ODJFS to return to full child care center requirements.

The state of emergency was rescinded on June 18, 2021. The following rules will be archived and removed from the child care manual on July 30, 2023.

## **Rescinded Rules:**

5101:2-12-02.2 "Transitional Pandemic Requirements for a Licensed Child Care Center"

5101:2-12-02.3 "Temporary Pandemic School-Age Child Care Centers"

## **Questions:**

Please contact the Child Care Policy Help Desk at <u>childcarepolicy@jfs.ohio.gov</u> or 1-877-302-2347, option 4, if you have any questions.