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**TO: New Jersey Child Care Providers**

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**SUBJECT: Flu Vaccine Information**

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We are reaching out to you to continue our efforts towards reaching full compliance with the new flu vaccine requirements. The Department of Health and Senior Services and the Department of Children and Families will continue working with every one of you to work towards this important public health initiative.

Children who are six- to 59-months-old attending licensed day care centers and preschools must receive an annual flu shot between September 1 and December 31 of each year. Children who turned 60 months of age on or before December 31 are not required to get the flu vaccine, but the Department strongly recommends it.

Parents have been granted a grace period to meet the requirements, which were new for the 2008-2009 school year. Children should have a flu shot or parents may show that they have made arrangements to get their child immunized as soon as possible.

**Before enforcing this requirement**, a facility who has non-compliant children in their facility should reach out to the Department of Children and Families Office of Licensing at (609) 826-3980 for centers located in the northern part of the State or (609) 777-5945 for centers located in the southern part of the State to initiate a corrective action plan.

The Department will have access to information regarding flu clinic availability in their community.