



# CORONAVIRUS GUIDANCE

## *Rates for Family-based Providers*

Thank you for keeping everyone safe, healthy and happy in this time that school buildings have closed for the remaining of the school year. The Department for Children and Families appreciates that schools closing may have created additional mealtime and other expenses for your household. To help offset those additional costs, we are supporting you with an additional temporary rate increase of \$8.00 per day for each child in the foster care program placed in your home. DCF will apply the higher rate from March 23 to May 15, 2020. This additional \$8.00 daily rate augments the current level of care payment for each child. Caregivers will notice this increase with their April 5, 2020 reimbursement. These rates will happen automatically and no action is required by the caregiver. Currently this rate increase is approved only for the critical period of school closures; March 23 to May 15. Rates will return to previous daily amount at the end of this period.