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DCD MEDIA ALERT:

Be Aware about E.Coli

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E.coli has been in the news lately, with several cases confirmed in North Carolina. It is vitally important for child care providers to be vigilant in following proper handwashing and diapering procedures, as preventative measures.

Child care providers should be aware that any children and staff with symptoms of E.coli must be excluded from child care and should be seen by a physician to be checked for E.coli. If E.coli is confirmed, child care providers are reminded that this is a communicable disease which must be reported to state and county health departments.

The Division of Child Development web site - www.ncchildcare.net - currently links to a page on this topic. Click on [What's New](#), then scroll down to [E.coli Alert](#) under [Safety Alert](#). Here you will find a fact sheet on E.coli and a press release from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services urging residents to be aware of E.coli prevention measures.

Child care providers can call the North Carolina Health and Safety Resource Center at 1-800-367-2229 if they have any questions about E.coli. Information is also posted on the Resource Center's website at www.healthychildcarenc.org.

The Division of Child Development urges our partners to share this information locally with child care providers.

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