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State Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Mangers of Food Stores,

Beginning March 27, 2020, all child care programs in Maryland were closed and then those that wanted applied to reopen as an Essential Personnel Child Care (EPCC) program. This program allows child care providers to serve only Essential Personnel as defined in the Governor's Executive Order, which includes hospital staff, law enforcement, food service and supply personnel, and others.

In order to serve the children of Essential Personal, child care providers must be able to purchase multiple forms of food and supplies such as milk, eggs, bread, etc. Purchasing a generous amount of food for the children in their care will allow the child care staff to avoid having to go to grocery stores on multiple times and on multiple days.

**If your store is willing to work with these child care providers, please allow the holder of this letter to purchase food and supplies above the maximum limit that your store has identified for members of the public.**

**The child care provider must provide his or her state issued child care license to show that they meet the requirements to buy above the maximum limit.**

If you have any questions or wish to verify this further, you can contact the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood, Office of Child Care at 410-767-7806 or by email at [jennifer.nizer@maryland.gov](mailto:jennifer.nizer@maryland.gov).

Thank you for your help in assisting the State of Maryland and the children of our essential personal.

Sincerely,

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