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MEMORANDUM FOR Soldiers, Civilian Employees, and Family Members of the Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill

SUBJECT: Mission Essential Childcare in Support of COVID-19

1. This memorandum provides guidance for the implementation of mission essential care being enacted at Fort Sill's Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR), Child and Youth Services (CYS) program.
2. Fort Sill continues to take prudent measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and must continue to focus on preserving the health and safety of our Soldiers, Families, workforce, and surrounding communities. To this end, we must posture ourselves to limit the potential exposure of our children in our child and youth programs.
3. Effective 6 April 2020, CYS will only provide care for the children of individuals deemed mission essential to life, health and safety; and individuals who provide operational support deemed essential to the Fort Sill mission.
4. Personnel who are deemed mission essential will be notified by their chain of command and provided guidance on the continuation or implementation of child care.
5. Priority for care will be as follows:
 - a. CYS childcare providers.
 - b. Personnel performing life, health, and safety functions (RAHC, DES).
 - c. Drill Sergeants/Instructors (BCT and AIT).
 - d. Individuals deemed mission essential who are not currently registered with CYS that wish to register.
 - e. Single/Dual Military.
 - f. Exception to Policy for Brigade Commanders to support emerging and emergency situations.
6. CYS services not deemed mission essential will be suspend. This includes: Hourly Care, Fort Sill Youth Centers, Youth Sports and Fitness as well as Homeschool Physical Education at Fort Sill Youth Centers.

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7. Childcare will be denied for all personnel who are not deemed mission essential. Brigade Commanders requesting an exception to policy (ETP) will submit a validation memo to the Garrison Commander.

8. We would like to assure everyone that once this national crisis is over, we will return to normal business operations providing the full range of quality CYS services.

9. Thank you for your understanding. This Command and CYS will continue to do our best to keep the doors open for eligible mission essential personnel.



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