Dear Child Care Providers,

With the rapidly changing situation related to the recent and ongoing flooding, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment is working closely with the Colorado Department of Human Services Division of Early Care and Learning to assure facilities impacted by the floods are operating as safely as possible during this challenging time.

If your child care center, preschool, school age child care, day treatment or children’s resident camp is impacted by any of the following, you should not be operating until you have been approved to open by the local health department in your area.

Do not operate until you have health department approval if your facility:

- Is under a boil or bottled water order
- Is under a no flush order, or
- If flood waters have entered your facility

Each of these scenarios poses a significant public health hazard to you, your staff and the children in your care if you are not taking certain protective measures approved by your local health department. While the Division of Early Care and Learning is not citing a violation for the use of Port-A-Potties, these must be approved by your local health department prior to use.

Before accepting children into care, you must contact the local health department for your county for approval to operate. Various guidance documents are posted on the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment as well as the Division of Early Care and Learning website that will assist you in preparing for approval to operate accordance with boil water and no flush orders. These documents can be found at the following links:

[www.cdphe.state.co.us](http://www.cdphe.state.co.us) or

Local health departments are working hard to assure your facilities recover and are approved to operate as soon as possible. Counties affected by the floods and contact information for the local health department follows:

Boulder
Boulder County Public Health Department
(303) 413-7502

Morgan
Northeast Colorado Health Department
(970)522-1412

Clear Creek
Clear Creek County Public and Environmental Health Department
(303)679-2335

Phillips
Northeast Colorado Health Department
(970)522-1412

El Paso
El Paso County Public Health
(719)575-8635

Sedgwick
Northeast Colorado Health Department
(970)522-1412

Jefferson
Jefferson County Public Health
(303)271-5700

Washington
Northeast Colorado Health Department
(970)522-1412

Larimer
Larimer County Department of Health & Environment
(970)498-6775

Weld
Weld County Department of Public Health & Environment
(970)304-6410

Logan
Northeast Colorado Health Department
(970)522-1412

Yuma
Northeast Colorado Health Department
(970)522-1412

Contact information for additional Local Health Departments can be found at the following link:
http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDPHE-Main/CBON/1251588365684