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JCDHE offers guidance on alternative sites offering academic services

(JOHNSON COUNTY, KANSAS - Aug. 21, 2020) – The Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE) is offering guidance for alternative academic sites that support K-12 remote education during COVID-19. This guidance is based on current understanding of COVID-19 transmission in adults and children and is intended to assist in preventing the spread of the virus.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) has determined that during this period of COVID-19 transmission, businesses or individuals offering offsite academic learning, learning co-ops and tutoring are not required to be licensed by the state. This educational support may be provided to students from Kindergarten through 12th grade in the form of remote/virtual, hybrid in-person/remote, and modified attendance schedules. This option is for school days only and does not include any non-school days such as teacher work days or breaks.

The authorization to operate in this capacity without a license is effective until the Kansas State of Disaster Emergency expires or until the school no longer offers remote/hybrid/modified attendance schedules as options for enrolled students.

These guidelines should be implemented prior to opening an academic support service.

“We support the flexibility to offer alternative locations for kids that can’t be in school buildings, but still wanted to make sure these kids are in safe, healthy environment,” said Eldonna Chesnut, Childcare Licensing division director. “That is what this guidance document is all about – helping people to think through what is best for the kids while still helping them learn in a non-school environment.”

Please visit jocogov.org/industry-guidance for the full guidance.

Questions may be directed to the Johnson County Childcare Licensing Division Director at 913-477-8366

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