CHECK to see if the staff has been IMMUNIZED before the start of the flu season.

MAKE SURE providers practice regular hand washing with young children.

MAKE SURE providers HAVE strict policies about SENDING SICK CHILDREN HOME and keep them home until they are no longer contagious.

PREVENT Spreading the FLU Virus in Childcare Programs:

MAKE sure your childcare program HAS PLENTY OF tissues, soap, paper towels, safe disinfectants, and hand wipes.

Make sure there are SEPARATE SINKS for handwashing and food preparation.

FIND OUT if your childcare program PLANS TO CLOSE in the event of a flu outbreak.

Make sure the kitchen areas, bathrooms, changing tables, playrooms, drinking fountains, doorknobs, computers, and toys ARE THOROUGHLY SANITIZED AND CLEANED EVERY DAY.

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