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TO: Licensed Child Day Centers, Religiously Exempt Child Day Centers,
Certified Preschools, Family Day Homes, and Family Day Systems

FROM: Jeffrey Williams, Director of Child Care Licensing

SUBJECT: ***2021 Legislative Implementation***

House Bill 1823

[HB1823](#) adds § 22.1-289.058 to the Code of Virginia. This bill requires all licensed child day programs and religiously exempt child day centers, certified preschools, family day system homes and certain other programs that serve preschool-age children operating in a building built before 2015 to be equipped with at least one carbon monoxide detector.

Exposure to dangerous levels of carbon monoxide is harmful and children are particularly vulnerable to carbon monoxide poisoning. The use of carbon monoxide detectors may provide early detection and warning of the presence of carbon monoxide in the air. The provisions of this legislation protects the safety and well-being of children, families, and staff in child care programs.

Child day programs for which this requirement applies must comply when the legislation becomes effective. The Office of Child Care Licensing inspectors will begin inspecting for compliance on September 1, 2021.

Please contact your licensing inspector if you have any questions.