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FIRST 5 SANTA BARBARA COUNTY TO DISTRIBUTE URGENTLY NEEDED EMERGENCY SUPPLIES TO CHILD CARE PROGRAMS SERVING CHILDREN 0-5 IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Gloves, Disposable Adult Masks and Disinfecting Wipes Will Aid Programs in Safely Caring for Our Youngest Children so Families Can Return to Work

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — First 5 Santa Barbara received its first shipment of the most requested and hard to secure supplies for childcare providers caring for the children of our communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. The supplies include 3-ply disposable adult masks, disinfecting wipes, and latex gloves. First 5 Santa Barbara partnered with Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, and California Department of Public Health to secure these much needed materials.

Kelly Hubbard, Office of Emergency Management, states "Supporting our essential workers with the necessary materials to protect their health during COVID-19 and therefore be able to continue in their ability to work is critical."

"First 5 Santa Barbara County and partners are pleased to continue providing essential materials to ensure ongoing healthy and safe practices in childcare spaces. This is important to ensure that the focus is on providing the care and not worrying about running out materials to keep our children and childcare providers safe. Child Care continues to be, the backbone of our economy, allowing parents to go to work and keep society functioning," said Wendy Sims Moten, Executive Director of First 5 Santa Barbara County.

Center based childcare programs submit their supply request to First 5. Distribution of these supplies will take place at the First 5 Santa Maria and Santa Barbara office locations starting the week of September 14, 2020.

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About First 5 Santa Barbara County

For more information, go to www.first5sbc.org/trs, FaceBook at <https://www.facebook.com/F5SBC/>, or call (805) 560-1039. First 5 Santa Barbara County Children and Families Commission, funded by Proposition 10, works in partnership with individuals and organizations throughout the county to support the health, early learning and well-being of children prenatal to age 5 and their families.

About Santa Barbara County of Emergency Management

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About Cal OES Governor's Office of Emergency Services

www.caloes.ca.gov

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