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As Director of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (“Department”), pursuant to Executive Orders 20-04 and 20-19, I am vested with the authority to temporarily waive or suspend the operation of any statutory requirement or administrative rule, upon approval of the Office of the Governor. After consultation with and receiving approval from the Office of Governor, I am hereby waiving the following laws in order to assist the state, and its citizens prepare and respond to COVID-19 until March 31, 2021, unless otherwise modified by the Department.

Exception from Child Care Licensing Requirements for Operating Montessori Schools

Section 210.201(5), RSMo. (2020) shall be waived to the extent the provision limits the definition of a Montessori school to those accredited by the American Montessori Society or the Association Montessori Internationale. This waiver allows child care providers that subscribe to Maria Montessori’s educational philosophy, who have already been determined to be exempt from child care licensing requirements by the Department of Health and Senior Services’ Section for Child Care Regulation due to their status as a private school, and who have an active school membership or accreditation or are actively seeking accreditation by American Montessori Society (AMS), Association Montessori International (AMI), International Montessori Counsel (IMC), or Montessori Educational Programs International (MEPI) to continue operating as child care providers exempt from licensure.

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