
GETTING BACK TO ADVOCACY ON CHILD CARE AND EARLY EDUCATION

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AGENDA

- Welcome & Overview
- Evolution of our 2020 Policy Agenda
- Taking Action in the Time of COVID-19
- Final Q&A
- Wrap Up



**SO HOW DOES
THIS WEBINAR
THING WORK?**

INTRODUCE YOURSELF!



In the chat tool, please share:

- Your name
- Your town
- One thing you're grateful for right now
- One concern you have related to early care and education



2020 EARLY CARE & EDUCATION POLICY PRIORITIES (AND HOW THEY'VE EVOLVED)



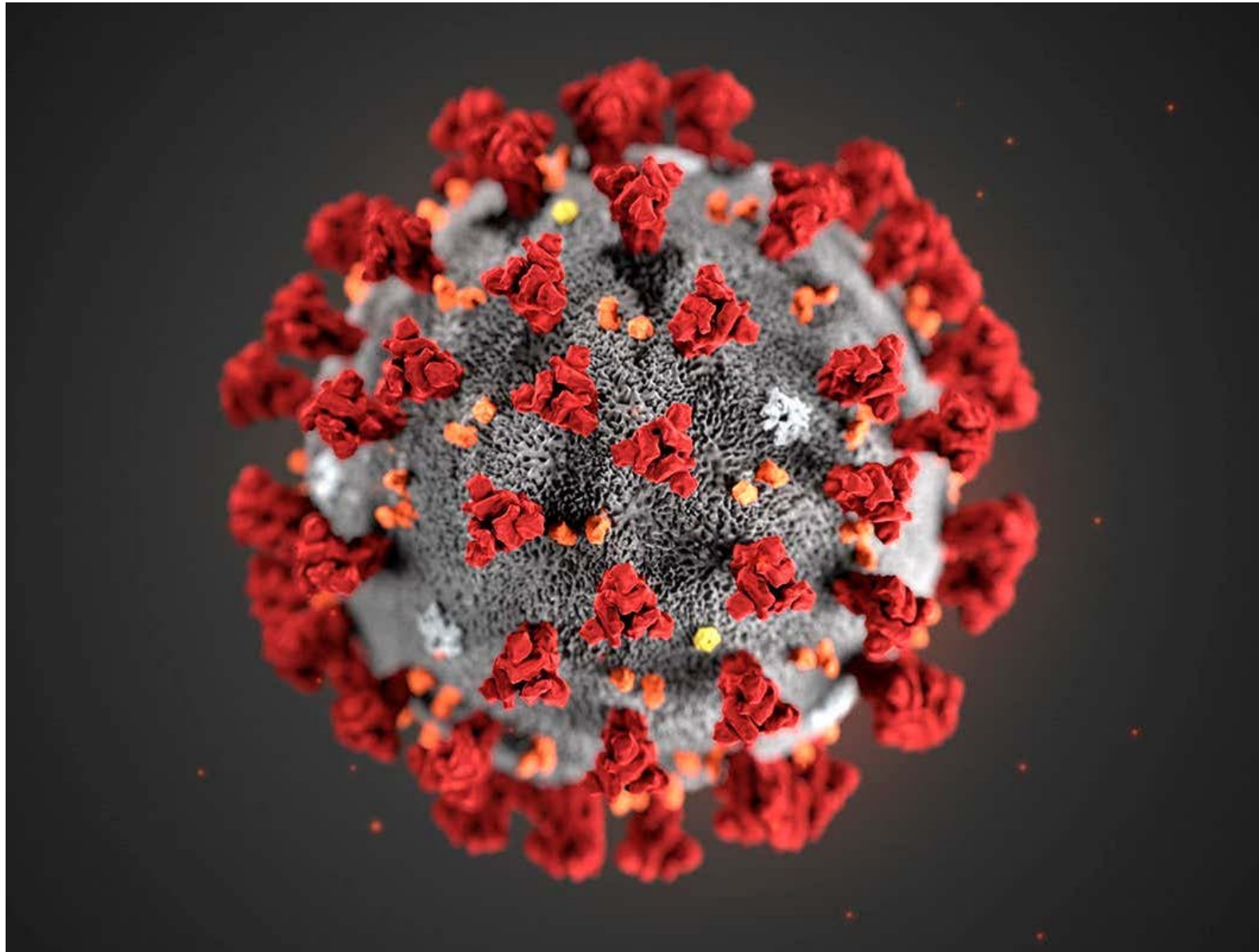
ONCE
UPON A
TIME, IT
WAS
JANUARY
2020...

PRIORITY AREAS

- Sustain and Grow Vermont's Early Care and Education Workforce
- Help More Children Access Affordable Child Care
- Engage Vermont Employers

WE WERE MOBILIZING, WE WERE ORGANIZING





**AND THEN
COVID-19
ARRIVED**

POLICY IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 - FEDERAL

Families First Coronavirus
Response Act

CARES Act

POLICY IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 - VERMONT

ECE Initiatives

Child Care
for Essential
Workers

Child Care
Stabilization
Program

CCFAP and
Act 166
Tuition
Payments

POLICY IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 – VERMONT

Budget Process

Budget
Adjustment
for FY20

“Skinny”
Budget for
Q1 FY21

Final
Budget for
FY21

Still asking for early childhood educator supports

- Wage supports, scholarships

Still working to make child care more affordable and accessible for families

- Strengthening CCFAP

Still focusing on system supports

- New IT system for CDD

**POLICY IN THE
TIME OF COVID-19
– NOW WHAT?**



Q&A BREAK



SO WHAT'S NEXT?

TAKE ACTION!

You can still...

- Fill out the re-opening survey from CDD if you're an early childhood educator
- Reach out to your legislator(s)
- Connect with your community





Q&A BREAK



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TIGERS!