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Good Afternoon:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Regional Director has notified state and local congressional offices, state, county and local officials and stakeholders of the Re-opening of Homestead Temporary Shelter for Unaccompanied Alien Children in Homestead, Florida.

In follow up to today's phone calls from HHS, I have attached the email notification. If you have any questions, please email them to: Karen.Jordan@HHS.gov.

Thank you,

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Notification of Re-opening of Homestead Temporary Shelter for Unaccompanied Alien Children in Homestead, Florida

The Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is continuing to aggressively manage bed capacity for Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC) referred for care by immigration officials.

With increasing numbers of UACs being referred for care, ORR is taking the steps necessary to increase the number of shelter beds available, including re-opening the Homestead Temporary Shelter, in Homestead, Florida. Damage from Hurricane Irma to the Homestead facility is currently being repaired. There is no set date for UACs to arrive at the facility.

Ensuring sufficient bed capacity is a prudent step to ensure that the U.S Customs and Border Protection (CBP) can continue its vital national security mission to prevent illegal migration, trafficking, and protect the borders of the United States and at the same time HHS can place UAC in an appropriate setting while a sponsor is identified who can care for the child while their immigration case proceeds.

HHS will continue to work with our partners to closely monitor referral numbers and adjust bed capacity to respond to changing levels of need. We are committed to maintaining accountability and transparency for program operations with our Federal partners and Congress, as well as being a good neighbor in the communities where shelters are located.

Please contact Karen Jordan, 404-562-7888, Karen.Jordan@HHS.gov, if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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