

LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES – PART 2- REGISTRY OF REGULATIONS- DECEMBER 2007

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

GENERAL

~~97~~198. The LFCCH Licensee shall ensure every building, or part thereof used as a LFCCH Large Family Child Care Home, is constructed, used, furnished, maintained and equipped in compliance with all applicable requirements established by Federal, State, local and municipal regulatory bodies.

A. The LFCCH Licensee shall have written certification of compliance from appropriate regulatory bodies governing zoning, building construction and safety, sanitation and fire safety.

~~98~~199. The Licensee shall ensure that the physical facilities of the LFCCH Large Family Child Care Home and grounds shall present no hazard to the health and safety of the children.

~~99.~~ The LFCCH shall prohibit smoking in areas used by the children and in food preparation areas.

~~400~~200. The LFCCH Licensee shall ensure that the Large Family Child Care Home and its furnishings shall be are kept in a clean and safe condition. All walls, floors, ceilings and other surfaces shall be clean and in good repair.

~~404~~201. The LFCCH Licensee shall ensure that the Large Family Child Care Home shall be is kept free from rodent and insect infestation.

~~402~~202. The LFCCH Licensee shall provide insect screening for screens in good repair are used on all outer doors and openable windows, when such doors and windows are or other openings to the outside used for ventilation, provided that all requirements for fire safety have been met. This screening shall be in good repair.

~~403~~203. The LFCCH Licensee shall be kept heated ensure that the rooms in the Large Family Child Care Home used by the children are maintained at a minimum temperature of at least sixty-five (65) degrees Fahrenheit (F.) and a maximum of eighty-five (85) degrees F. unless there is a conflict with Federal and State energy Laws. The minimum and maximum temperatures shall be taken at floor level.

A. The Licensee shall be required to temporarily close the Large Family Child Care Home if the minimum or maximum room temperatures cannot be maintained during all of the hours of operation.

~~204.~~ For a Large Family Child Care Home licensed on or after the effective date of these Rules, the Licensee shall ensure that air conditioning is used in rooms used by children to keep the rooms comfortable as per Rule #203 during hot weather.

~~205.~~ The Licensee shall be aware of all weather conditions especially concerning extreme weather conditions such as storms producing excessive wind, rain (flooding), hail, sleet, and snow; poor air quality; heat and humidity including heat advisories; or cold temperatures including wind chill factors that could affect the well being or health of children. Children shall not be allowed to play outside during extreme weather conditions.

206. The Licensee shall ensure that all floor or window fans in the Large Family Child Care Home are inaccessible to children and bear the safety certification mark of a nationally recognized, independent, third party testing laboratory such as Underwriter Laboratories (UL).

~~404207.~~ The Licensee shall ensure that furnaces, water heaters, all heating and cooling equipment is safely shielded to prevent the injury of appliances, pipes, fans and other similar devices shall be kept in a safe condition and inaccessible to children.

- A. Use of unvented fuel fired heating equipment, including, but not limited to portable, open-flame, and kerosene space heaters is prohibited.
- B. Hot water pipes, steam radiators, electric space heaters, and wood-burning stoves shall be equipped with protective guards or insulated to protect children against burns.
- C. Electric space heaters shall be ~~UL-approved~~ listed by a nationally recognized, independent third party testing laboratory such as Underwriter Laboratories (UL) and, inaccessible to children, and stable.
- D. Fireplaces shall be securely screened or equipped with protective guards while in use.

~~405208.~~ The Licensee shall ensure that protective receptacle covers ~~shall be~~ are placed installed on ~~in~~ all electrical outlets receptacles ~~not in use and~~ all areas accessible to the children.

~~406209.~~ The LFCCH Licensee shall ensure that the Large Family Child Care Home ~~shall have~~ has a working telephone.

- A. ~~The LFCCH shall immediately notify the Department if telephone service to the LFCCH is to be discontinued or is no longer available.~~
- B. ~~If a telephone is forbidden by religious beliefs, a telephone must be available within a short walking distance.~~

~~€210.~~ The Licensee shall ensure that telephone numbers of the nearest hospital, ambulance, police department, fire department and poison control center ~~shall be~~ are posted on or by each near telephone.

~~407211.~~ The Licensee shall ensure that an operable flashlight ~~shall be~~ is accessible at all times.

~~408212.~~ The Licensee shall ensure that clear glass doors or low windows in the rooms used by children in child care at the Large Family Child Care Home ~~shall be~~ are clearly marked with a vision strip such as a decal(s), sticker(s), rail(s), or mesh located at a child's eye level to reduce the risk of colliding with the glass.

~~409213.~~ The Licensee shall ensure that stairways, inside and outside, over four steps ~~shall have~~ have railings when used by children in child care at the Large Family Child Care Home. Safety gates approved by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) at stairways shall be used at all times when infants and toddlers are in child care.

- A. If the physical characteristics of the LFCCH Large Family Child Care Home do not permit the installation of a safety gate(s) in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, then the LFCCH Licensee shall ~~implement~~ have and adhere to a plan which safely prevent the access of infants and toddlers to stairways.

214. The Licensee shall ensure staff members inspect on a daily basis all exits – stairways, hallways, windows, and doors from rooms and from the Large Family Child Care Home to ensure each is unobstructed and in working condition.

215. The Licensee shall ensure that all areas in a Large Family Child Care Home that are more than two (2) feet above the floor or grade below, such as porches, elevated walkways and elevated play areas are provided with guards (barriers) to prevent falls over the open side. The height of the guards shall not be less than forty-two (42) inches high and measured vertically to the top of the guard.
216. The Licensee shall ensure that children are cared for in ground level space in the Large Family Child Care Home including when night care is provided.
217. The Licensee shall ensure that every room used for child care has at least two exits or means of escape, at least one of which shall be a door or stairway providing unblocked travel to the outside of the Large Family Child Care Home at street or ground level. A second exit or means of escape may be a window which is easily opened, not more than forty-four (44) inches above the floor, and has an opening twenty (20) inches wide and twenty-four (24) inches high and opens to a total area of at least 5.7 square feet.
218. The Licensee shall ensure that no room or space shall be used for child care which is accessible only by ladder, folding stairs, or through a trap door.
219. The Licensee may use the basement level space for children in child care only if there is at least one(1) door that exits directly to the outside at ground level with the vertical travel to the ground level is not more than eight (8) feet and at least:
- A. One (1) window which is easily opened, is no more than forty-four (44) inches above the floor and has an opening twenty (20) inches wide and twenty-four (24) inches high and opens to a total of at least 5.7 square feet; or
 - B. Another door – total of two (2) doors, one of which exits directly to the outside at ground level.
220. The Licensee shall ensure that every bathroom door lock in rooms used by children in child care at the Large Family Child Care Home is designed to permit the opening of the locked door from the outside in an emergency and the opening device is readily available to the Large Family Child Care Provider or staff member(s).
221. The Licensee shall ensure that each door used as an exit is not less than thirty-two (32) inches wide.
222. The Licensee shall ensure that every closet door latch in the rooms used by children in child care at the Large Family Child Care Home is designed so that children can open the door from inside the closet.
223. For a Large Family Child Care Home licensed before the effective date of these Rules, the Licensee shall ensure that a working smoke alarm which is listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory is installed on or six (6) to twelve (12) inches below the ceiling of each level of the Large Family Child Care Home and the basement.
- A. All enclosed sleeping areas, such as a bedroom, shall have properly installed working smoke alarm.
 - B. Smoke alarms shall be tested monthly, and the batteries replaced at least yearly.
224. For a Large Family Child Care Home licensed on or after the effective date of these Rules, the Licensee shall ensure that an operable smoke alarm, listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory and powered by the Large Family Child Care Home's electrical service (hard-wired) with battery back-up, is installed in accordance with its listing on the ceiling of each level of the Large Family Child Care Home and the basement.

- A. All enclosed sleeping areas, such as a bedroom, shall have properly installed operable smoke alarms, listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory and powered by the Large Family Child Care Home's electrical service (hard-wired) with battery back-up.
 - B. Smoke alarms shall be tested monthly and the batteries replaced at least yearly.
225. The Licensee shall ensure that operable carbon monoxide warning equipment listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory is at least on the ground level near any sleeping area used by the children in child care at the Large Family Child Care Home. The equipment shall be installed in accordance with its listing and the manufacturer's instructions.
- A. Carbon monoxide warning equipment shall be tested monthly and the batteries replaced at least yearly.
226. The Licensee shall not be required to have carbon monoxide warning equipment when the Large Family Child Care Home has:
- A. No garage or the garage is separate structure from the Large Family Child Care Home; and
 - B. No fuel-fired equipment using fuels such as gas, oil, wood, and kerosene, and all equipment is electric such as the heater, hot water heater, oven, range, dryer, and fireplaces.
227. The Licensee shall ensure that an electrical inspection of the Large Family Child Care Home shall be conducted every three (3) years by an electrical inspection agency as recognized by the State Fire Marshal.
228. The Licensee shall ensure that at a minimum, a charged portable dry chemical fire extinguisher rated 1A 10 BC, is available in the kitchen, stored out of the manufacturer's container from which it was purchased, and is easily accessible. The extinguisher shall be used and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
229. The Licensee shall ensure that all flammable and hazardous materials, including matches and lighters, medicines, drugs, cleaning materials, detergents, aerosol cans, plastic bags, firearms, ammunition, and other similar materials and objects are stored safely in areas inaccessible to children.
- A. Firearms and ammunition, if present in the Large Family Child Care Home, shall be kept in a locked container or locked closet. Ammunition shall be kept separate from firearms.
230. The Licensee shall ensure that the Large Family Child Care Home's plumbing is kept in good working condition.
231. The Licensee shall ensure that the Large Family Child Care Home has at least one (1) indoor flushing toilet and one (1) sink with hot and cold running water on the ground level where child care is provided.
232. The Licensee shall ensure that garbage is kept in containers in an area inaccessible to children or securely covered.
- A. Garbage and rubbish shall be removed daily from rooms occupied by children.
 - B. Garbage and rubbish shall be removed from the premises on a regular basis but not less than once a week.

PETS

~~440233.~~ The Licensee shall ensure that any animals or household pets shall be permitted provided that there is proof of rabies and other current required vaccinations for each animal kept in rooms used by children in the Large Family Child Care Home are documented by a licensed veterinarian are free from disease and vaccinated as prescribed by law. Animals shall be free from disease and shall be cared for in a safe and sanitary manner.

- ~~A.~~ Animals are cared for in a safe and sanitary manner.
- ~~B.~~ Animals are only be handled by children under close supervision of household or staff member responsible for that pet.
- ~~C.~~ Animals such as ferrets, turtles, iguanas, lizards or other reptiles, psittacine birds (birds of the parrot family), or any other animals that are known to be carriers of illnesses are not kept in rooms used by children in the Large Family Child Care Home.
- ~~D.~~ Litter boxes or any container or materials used for collecting or containing animal feces or urine are not kept in rooms used by children in the Large Family Child Care Home.
- ~~E.~~ Parent(s)/guardian(s) are informed of the presence of any animals or household pets regardless of the location within the Large Family Child Care Home.

SMOKING PROHIBITED

~~234.~~ The Licensee shall ensure that smoking is prohibited when children attending the Large Family Child Care Home are present anywhere inside the Large Family Child Care Home, in the outdoor play area, while transporting children, and in the presence of children during field trips or routine outings.

FIRST AID

~~444235.~~ The Licensee shall ensure that a first aid kits shall be is readily available in the LFCCH accessible to staff members, but not to children and in vehicles used for transporting children in care at least contains, but is not limited to the following:

- ~~A.~~ The first aid kit in the LFCCH shall contain the following:
 - ~~iA.~~ Disposable nonporous gloves;
 - ~~iiB.~~ Scissors;
 - ~~iiiC.~~ Tweezers;
 - ~~D.~~ A non-glass thermometer to measure a child's temperature;
 - ~~E.~~ Bandage tape;
 - ~~F.~~ Sterile gauze pads;
 - ~~G.~~ Flexible roller gauze;
 - ~~H.~~ Triangular bandages;
 - ~~ivI.~~ Safety pins;
 - ~~v.~~ Thermometer;
 - ~~J.~~ Eye dressing;
 - ~~K.~~ Pen/pencil and note pad;
 - ~~L.~~ Instant cold pack;
 - ~~viM.~~ Current American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) or American Red Cross standard first aid text chart or equivalent first aid guide; and
 - ~~vii.~~ Poison Control Center telephone number;
 - ~~viii.~~ Self-adhesive bandages; and
 - ~~ix.~~ Syrup of ipecac, not to be used without consulting the Poison Control Center or

- ~~physician and not to be used after the expiration date on the bottle.~~
- N. CPR Barrier device;
 - O. Small plastic or metal splints;
 - P. Non-medicated adhesive strip bandages; and
 - R. Plastic bags for cloths, gauze, and other materials used in handling blood.

B236. The Licensee shall ensure that a first aid kit is taken along when transporting children on field trips and routine outings and contains in vehicles used for transporting children the following materials in addition to those cited in Requirement 106A Rule #235 must be included in the first aid kit:

- i. Bandage tape;
- ii. Sterile gauze pads;
- iii. Flexible roller gauze;
- iv. Triangular bandages;
- v. Pen/pencil and note pad;
- vi. Cold pack;
- vii. Coins for use in a pay phone; and
- viiiA. Water and soap, or antiseptic wipe;.
- B. Liquid soap;
- C. Any emergency medications needed for a child; and
- D. List of emergency phone numbers, and parent(s)/guardian(s)' phone numbers, and the Poison Control Center phone number.

SPACE

442237. The LFCCH Licensee shall provide each child with adequate space for free movement and active play with a minimum of thirty-five (35) square feet of usable floor space per child exclusive of hallways, bathrooms, lockers, cribs, laundry and furnace rooms, and kitchen areas. Measurements shall be from wall to wall on the inside. Furniture that restricts children's free movement and active play shall be considered a deductible factor when determining square footage.

- A. Toilet rooms, kitchen areas, storage spaces, hallways, furnace rooms and other areas not used by children for sleep or play on a routine basis shall not be counted in computing required square footage.

443238. The Licensee shall ensure that an outdoor play area of fifty (50) square feet of play space per child for vigorous play and large muscle activity with attention to the needs of the diversity of children served and their abilities to participate, enclosed by fencing and protected from hazards shall be is available on the premises or within safe walking distance of the Large Family Child Care Home. Outdoor play areas shall be free of animal feces, toxic plants, debris, or other materials that may present hazards to children in care.

- A. Fencing shall be sturdy, safe and reinforced at intervals so as to give adequate support.
- A. The Licensee ensure the outdoor play area is inspected before children begin to play to ensure there are no hazards such as, but not limited to, animal feces, toxic plants, outdoor equipment – lawn mower, cooking grill; and/or debris and any play equipment is safe for use.
- AB. Tool sheds, garages, and other outdoor facilities that are off-limits to children shall be securely latched and inaccessible while children are in child care.

239. The Licensee shall ensure that fencing around the outdoor play area is:

- A. Sturdy, safe and reinforced at intervals so as to give support, constructed to

- discourage climbing and not prevent observation of children.
- B. A minimum of four (4) feet in height with openings no larger than three and one-half (3 ½) inches.
- C. Gates shall be equipped with self-closing and positive self-latching closure mechanisms. The latch or securing device shall be high enough or of a type such that small children cannot open it.
- D. Fenced areas shall have at least two (2) exits, with at least one (1) being remote from the building.
240. For a Large Family Child Care Home licensed before the effective date of these Rules, the existing fencing of the Large Family Child Care Home shall be acceptable as long as it is safe, free from hazards and in good repair. When the fencing is replaced, the new fencing shall fully comply with this Rule.
241. For a Large Family Child Care Home licensed on or after the effective date of these Rules, the Licensee shall ensure that the protective surface of the outdoor play area beneath and in the fall zone of climbing equipment, slides, swings and similar equipment at the Large Family Child Care Home is of approved resilient material which absorbs falls as follows:
- A. Fall zones shall be determined by the height of the highest climbing surface of the equipment and consist of wood chips, mulch, engineered wood fibers, sand, pea gravel, safety-tested shredded or unitary rubber or rubber-like materials, or rubber mats.
- i. The use of shredded tires shall be permitted if the Licensee obtains a guarantee from the supplier that the materials are free from steel wires or other contaminants including any unhealthy residue from deterioration of the shredded tires; and
- ii. All materials used for protective surfaces shall be of a size that prevents choking.
- B. The materials used in the fall zone shall follow the instructions as listed in the most recent publication of the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) *Outdoor Home Playground Safety Handbook* regarding critical heights of tested materials (see CPSC website at <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/324.pdf>); or
- C. The materials used in the fall zone shall follow the specific instructions as documented from the supplier to determine the appropriate depth or thickness.
- D. Protective surfaces of the fall zone shall extend at least six (6) feet in all directions from the equipment. For swings, the protective surfacing shall extend, in back and front, twice the height of the suspending bar.
242. The Licensee shall ensure that all surfaces of the outdoor play area of the Large Family Child Care Home are made up of materials that do not present a safety or choking hazard.
243. For a Large Family Child Care Home licensed on or after the effective date of these Rules, only pea gravel shall be acceptable as cover for the outdoor play area if using gravel or stone-like surfacing.

RIDING TOYS

244. The Licensee shall ensure that bicycles, tricycles, scooters, and other riding toys are the size appropriate for a child, in good condition and free of sharp edges or protrusions that may injure a child.

245. The Licensee shall ensure that all children wear approved safety helmets while riding bicycles with wheels of twenty (20) or more inches in diameter.
- A. Children shall not share helmets unless helmets are made with a nonporous interior lining and easily cleanable straps. All interior and exterior surfaces of the helmet shall be wiped clean between users.
 - B. Helmets shall be removed before allowing children to use climbing equipment in the outdoor play area.

SANITATION

246. The Licensee shall ensure that areas and equipment specified in Rules #247 and 248 are washed with soap and water and disinfected as required.
- A. The disinfectant solution shall either be a self-made solution consisting of one-fourth (1/4) cup of household bleach to each gallon of water, which is prepared daily, labeled, placed in a bottle that is sealed with a cap and stored out of the reach of children, or a commercially prepared disinfectant which indicates it kills bacteria, viruses and parasites and used in accordance with label instructions.
247. The Licensee shall ensure that the following equipment, items and surfaces are washed and disinfected after use:
- A. Toilet training (potty) chairs which have first been emptied into a toilet;
 - B. Sinks and faucets used for handwashing after the sink is used for rinsing a toilet training chair;
 - C. Diaper-changing surfaces;
 - D. Food preparation and eating surfaces such as counters, tables and high chair trays;
 - E. Toys mouthed by children;
 - F. Mops used for cleaning;
 - G. Bibs; and
 - F. Thermometers.
248. The Licensee shall ensure the following equipment, items, and surfaces are washed and disinfected at least daily:
- A. Toilets and toilet seats;
 - B. Sinks and faucets;
 - C. Diaper pails and lids;
 - D. Water tables and water play equipment;
 - E. Play tables;
 - F. Mats that are not stored separately; and
 - G. Smooth surfaced non-porous floors
249. The Licensee shall only use washable toys with diapered children.
- ~~114. The kitchen and all food preparation, storage and serving areas and utensils shall be kept clean. The kitchen shall have hot and cold running water.~~
- ~~A. The LFCCH shall have an oven or microwave, a range or cook top, a refrigerator and equipment for washing, rinsing and sanitizing cooking and eating utensils.~~
 - ~~B. The LFCCH shall have a handwashing sink in the food preparation area, separate from the sink used for food preparation and dishwashing.~~
 - ~~C. The LFCCH shall have either an operable window or suitable exhaust system for the removal of smoke and odors.~~

- ~~D. All dishes and utensils shall be air dried.~~
- ~~E. All dishes, cups and glasses used by the children in care shall be free from chips, cracks or other defects.~~
- ~~115. The plumbing shall be kept in good working condition.~~
- ~~116. The LFCCH shall have at least one indoor flushing toilet and one sink with hot and cold running water on the same level on which care is provided.~~
- ~~117. Handwashing procedures shall follow recommendations of the Center for Disease Control, to prevent the spread of illness. Hands shall be scrubbed for a minimum of ten (10) seconds using soap and warm running water.~~
- 250. The Licensee shall ensure that soap, single service towels, and toilet paper shall be available at all times.
- ~~118~~251. The Licensee shall ensure that all during the hours in which child care is provided adults any person in direct contact with children at the Large Family Child Care Home, and all children in child care shall wash their hands regardless of glove usage with soap and running water and use single service towels for drying hands at least at the following times, and whenever hands are contaminated with body fluids:
 - ~~A. Before any food service activity including preparation, table setting, handling, or serving;~~
 - ~~B. After toileting or changing diapers;~~
 - ~~C. After assisting a child with toilet use or nose wiping, and after a child has vomited;~~
 - ~~D. Before and after eating meals or snacks; or~~
 - ~~E. After handling pets or other animals.~~
 - A. Before and after eating or handling any food;
 - B. Before and after giving medications;
 - C. Before and after caring for a child who may be sick;
 - D. Before and after using a water-play table with other children;
 - E. After toileting or diapering;
 - F. After coming into contact with blood, fecal matter, urine, vomit, nasal secretions or other body secretions;
 - G. After handling animals or their equipment or after coming into contact with an animal's body secretions;
 - H. After playing in a sandbox;
 - I. After outdoor play;
 - J. After cleaning; and
 - K. After taking out the garbage.
- ~~119. Soap and toilet paper shall be available at all times. Paper towels or individual clean cloth towels for each child shall be available.~~
 - ~~A. If cloth towels are used, they shall be washed or replaced daily.~~

STANDARD PRECAUTIONS

- 252. The Licensee shall ensure of use of standard precautions for protection from disease and infection. Spills of body fluids (i.e., urine, feces, blood, saliva, nasal discharge, eye discharge, and injury or tissue discharges) shall be cleaned up immediately, as follows:
 - A. For spills of vomit, urine, and feces on any surface including the floors, walls, bathrooms, table tops, toys, kitchen counter-tops, diaper-changing tables, toilet training chairs, the area shall be cleaned with soap and water and disinfected.

- B. For spills of blood or blood-containing body fluids and injury and tissue discharges, the area shall be cleaned with liquid soap and water and disinfected. Non-porous gloves shall be used in these situations.
- C. For cleaning contaminated surfaces, avoid exposure of open skin sores or mucous membranes to blood or blood-containing body fluids and injury or tissue discharges by using non-porous gloves to protect hands when cleaning contaminated surfaces.
- D. Blood-contaminated material and diapers shall be disposed of in a plastic bag with a secure tie.
- E. Mops shall be cleaned, rinsed, disinfected, wrung dry and hung to dry.

DIAPERING AND TOILETING

253. The Licensee shall ensure that diapers, training pants and other clothing of children are changed when wet or soiled.

- A. The Licensee shall have an established procedure for checking diapers and training pants at least hourly including visually inspecting children's diapers at least every two (2) hours.
- B. The Licensee shall ensure that a supply of clean diapers, training pants and extra clothing are available for each child either by providing them directly or requiring the parent(s)/guardian(s) to provide.
- C. Soiled clothing shall be washed or placed in a sealed plastic container or bag and labeled with the child's name and returned to the child's parent(s)/guardian(s) at the end of the day.

420254. The LFCCH Licensee shall ensure the diaper-changing and/or toilet-training area(s) is are

- A. Separate from the kitchen, food preparation and serving areas;
- B. ~~Easily accessible to~~ Located within five (5) feet of a handwashing sink;
- C. Non-absorbent, non-porous, wipeable and washable, even after use of protective paper covering; and
- D. ~~Disinfected between use for different children or protected by a disposable covering discarded after each use~~ Toilet training chairs are located in an area which ensures children's privacy and supervision.

255. The Licensee shall have an established procedure for changing diapers or training pants to include at least the following steps that require:

- A. Changing diapers or training pants only in the diaper changing and/or toilet training area;
- B. Cleaning each child with an individual disposable sanitary wipe or single service washcloth;
- C. Disposing of a diaper or training pants in accordance with Rule #256;
- C. Washing the hands of the child and staff member who changed the diaper or toilet training pant (regardless of glove usage) with soap and water immediately after change; and
- D. Cleaning and sanitizing the diaper changing and/or toilet training area with a disinfectant solution after each use.

424256. The LFCCH Licensee shall ensure that:

- A. ~~Use cloth diapers or disposable diapers;~~
- BA. Place Non-disposable soiled diapers and training pants are not rinsed and placed without rinsing into a separate leak-proof plastic bag, labeled with the child's name, before transporting to a laundry or returning to the child's parent(s)/guardian(s);

- ~~GB.~~ Place Soiled disposable diapers are placed into a cleanable, foot-activated, and covered container that is used exclusively for diapers and lined with a leak-proof or impervious liner;
- ~~C.~~ Diaper containers that require a hand to push the used diaper through a narrow opening or have exterior surfaces that must be touched with a hand or the used diaper itself shall be prohibited.
- ~~D.~~ The diaper container shall be sanitized daily;
- ~~DF.~~ Remove All soiled diapers are removed from the home daily or more often unless the LFCCH Licensee uses a commercial diaper service;
- ~~E.~~ Use disposable towels, disposable wipes or clean, reusable towels laundered between use for different children for cleaning the child; and
- ~~F.~~ Immediately wash her/his hands and the hands of the child after diapering or helping the child with toileting.

~~122.~~ The LFCCH shall:

- ~~A.~~ Use toilet training chairs only in an area separate from food preparation areas;
- ~~B.~~ Locate toilet training chairs in an area which ensures children's privacy and adequate supervision;
- ~~C.~~ Consult with the child's parent regarding initiating toilet training;
- ~~D.~~ Locate toilet training equipment on washable, non-absorbent surfaces when in use; and
- ~~E.~~ Disinfect toilet learning equipment after each use.

~~123.~~ The LFCCH shall take reasonable measures to reduce the spread of communicable disease among children in the LFCCH by:

- ~~A.~~ Using only washable toys with diapered child(ren);
- ~~B.~~ Washing washable toys on a regular basis;
- ~~C.~~ Cleaning stuffed toys that are provided by the LFCCH;
- ~~D.~~ Washing toys mouthed by one child before they are used by another child; and
- ~~E.~~ Washing pacifiers and other items placed in the mouth if dropped to the floor or ground.

~~124.~~ Garbage shall be kept in containers in an area inaccessible to children or securely covered.

- ~~A.~~ Garbage and rubbish shall be removed daily from rooms occupied by children.
- ~~B.~~ Garbage and rubbish shall be removed from the premises on a regular basis but not less than once a week.

Universal Precautions

~~125.~~ The LFCCH shall employ universal precautions for protection from disease and infection. Spills of body fluids (i.e., urine, feces, blood, saliva, nasal discharge, eye discharge, and injury or tissue discharges) shall be cleaned up immediately, as follows:

- ~~A.~~ For spills of vomit, urine, and feces on any surface including the floors, walls, bathrooms, table tops, toys, kitchen counter tops, and diaper-changing tables, the area shall be cleaned and disinfected.
- ~~B.~~ For spills of blood or blood-containing body fluids and injury and tissue discharges, the area shall be cleaned and disinfected. Gloves shall be used in these situations unless the amount of blood or body fluid is so small that it can easily be contained by the material used for cleaning.
- ~~C.~~ Persons involved in cleaning contaminated surfaces shall avoid exposure of open skin sores or mucous membranes to blood or blood-containing body fluids and injury or tissue discharges by using gloves to protect hands when cleaning

- ~~contaminated surfaces.~~
- ~~D. Blood-contaminated material and diapers shall be disposed of in a plastic bag with a secure tie.~~
- ~~E. Mops shall be cleaned, rinsed, disinfected, wrung dry and hung to dry.~~

Disinfectant Solution

- ~~126. The disinfectant solution to be used by the LFCCH shall be a self-made solution consisting of one-fourth cup of household bleach to each gallon of water, which shall be prepared daily, labeled, placed in a bottle that is sealed with a cap and stored out of the reach of children.~~
- ~~A. The sanitizing solution for dishwashing is one (1) teaspoon of bleach to one (1) gallon of water, should the caregiver choose to sanitize dishes.~~

Fire and General Safety

- ~~127. Stairways, hallways and exits from rooms and from the LFCCH shall be unobstructed. Approved, easily opened protective gates and other safety devices for the protection of infants and toddlers are permitted.~~
- ~~128. Porches, elevated walkways and elevated play areas in a LFCCH, of more than two (2) feet in height, shall have barriers to prevent falls.~~
- ~~129. Every room used for child care shall have at least two exits, at least one of which shall be a door or stairway providing unblocked travel to the outside of the Home at street or ground level. No room or space shall be used for child care which is accessible only by ladder, folding stairs, or through a trap door.~~
- ~~130. Children shall be cared for in ground level space in the LFCCH.~~
 - ~~A. Basement level space may be used by children in care only if there is at a minimum one door that exits directly to the outside at ground level and at least one window which is easily openable, is no more than 44" inches above the floor, and has an opening 20" wide and 24" high, or there are two (2) doors, one of which exits directly to the outside at ground level.~~
- ~~131. Each door used as an exit shall not be less than 32 inches wide.~~
- ~~132. Every closet door latch shall be designed so that children can open the door from inside the closet.~~
- ~~133. Every bathroom door lock shall be designed to permit the opening of the locked door from the outside in an emergency and the opening device shall be readily available to the Caregiver.~~
- ~~134. An operable smoke detector which is approved by a nationally recognized testing laboratory shall be installed on or 6 to 12 inches below the ceiling of each level of the home and the basement.~~
 - ~~A. All enclosed sleeping areas, such as a bedroom, must have a properly installed smoke detector.~~
 - ~~B. Smoke detectors shall be tested monthly, and the batteries replaced at least yearly.~~
- ~~135. At a minimum, a portable dry chemical fire extinguisher rated 1A 10 BC, shall be provided~~

~~in the kitchen. The extinguisher shall be used and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.~~

~~136. Written fire evacuation procedures shall be established and practiced at least monthly from all exit locations at varied times of the day and during varied activities including nap time.~~

~~137. All flammable and hazardous materials, including matches and lighters, medicines, drugs, cleaning materials, detergents, aerosol cans, plastic bags, firearms, ammunition, and other similar materials and objects shall be stored safely in areas inaccessible to children.~~

~~A. Firearms and ammunition, if present in the LFCCH Home, shall be kept in a locked container or locked closet. Ammunition shall be kept separate from firearms.~~

EMERGENCY PLANNING

257. The Licensee shall have a written emergency plan describing procedures for both natural and man-made disasters for such situations as a fire, flood, earthquake, extreme weather conditions, power failure or utility disruptions, chemical or toxic spills, bomb threat or terrorist attack.

A. The emergency plan shall include procedures for training the staff members, and when applicable, household members, about specific responsibilities during a disaster, accounting for all children, relocation process (if appropriate) and contacting appropriate emergency response agencies and parent(s)/guardian(s).

258. The Licensee shall have a posted written evacuation plan of the Large Family Child Care Home.

A. Monthly evacuation drills shall be practiced from all exit locations during the hours of operation of the Large Family Child Care Home and during varied activities including nap time. Each drill shall be documented and include information on the date and time of day of the drill, the number of children and staff members who participated, and the total amount of time necessary to evacuate the Large Family Child Care Home.

259. The Licensee or Large Family Child Care Provider shall conduct monthly fire prevention inspections and post a copy of the latest inspection report in a conspicuous place at the Large Family Child Care Home.

260. The Licensee shall develop a written plan for procedures to shelter-in-place at the Large Family Child Care Home for an extended period due to a natural or man-made disaster.

A. This plan shall include a list of emergency supplies for the care and feeding of children, staff and household members present during the extended stay at the Large Family Child Care Home.

EQUIPMENT

~~138. A variety and sufficient supply of play equipment and materials shall be provided that are appropriate to the ages, developmental needs and individual interests of the children.~~

~~A. There shall be a sufficient amount of play equipment and materials so that there is not excessive competition and long waits.~~

~~139. All equipment shall be sturdy, safe, clean and free from rough edges, sharp corners, pinch and crush points, splinters and exposed bolts. Large outdoor equipment shall be anchored~~

~~firmly and shall not be located on concrete or asphalt surfaces.~~

SLEEPING-NAPPING ACCOMODATIONS

~~440261. The Licensee shall ensure that each child shall have clean, age-appropriate and comfortable individual rest equipment for sleep or rest such as a crib, playpen, cot, bed or mat and bedding. Children shall not share bedding. Each child under twelve months of age and/or not walking, shall sleep in a crib, playpen or bed with side rails and firm mattress of washable, non-absorbent material. Mattresses shall fit tightly to prevent children's body parts from becoming wedged between mattress and crib or bed slats.~~

- ~~A. A child's rest equipment shall be labeled with the child's name and used only by the child while attending the Large Family Child Care Home.~~
- ~~B. Mattresses and sleeping equipment shall be covered with non-absorbent, cleanable covering.~~
- ~~C. Cots, beds, mats and mattresses, and crib mattresses shall be cleaned when soiled or wet and sanitized at least weekly.~~
- ~~D. Rest equipment and bedding shall be cleaned and sanitized prior to being assigned to another child.~~
- ~~E. Each child under eighteen (18) months of age and not walking shall sleep in a crib or playpen. A child who is between twelve (12) and eighteen (18) months of age and is walking may sleep on a cot, bed, or mat and bedding with written permission from the child's parent(s)/guardian(s).~~

~~262. The Licensee shall ensure that sleeping mats are stored so that there is no contact with the sleeping surface of another mat or mats are disinfected after each use.~~

~~263. The Licensee shall ensure that cribs are not stacked while in use.~~

- ~~A. Cribs and playpens shall have slats so placed as to allow gaps of no larger than two and three-eighths (2-3/8) inches.~~
- ~~B. Cribs and playpens shall have tops rails at least twenty (20) inches above the mattresses with the mattress set at its lowest position and side rails locked in its highest position.~~
- ~~C. Any latches on cribs or playpens shall be safe and secured.~~
- ~~D. Crib mattresses shall be firm and tight-fitting.~~
- ~~E. Soft surfaces such as soft mattresses, pillows, sofas and waterbeds shall be prohibited as infant sleeping surfaces.~~
- ~~F. All pillows, bumper pads, quilts, comforters, sheepskin, stuffed toys, and any other soft products shall be removed from cribs while an infant is in the crib.~~
- ~~G. Toys or objects hung over an infant in a crib shall be held securely and be of a size and weight that would not injure an infant if the toy or object accidentally falls or if the infant pulls on the object.~~

~~264. The Licensee shall ensure that infants are placed on their backs when putting them down to sleep.~~

- ~~A. An exception to this Rule may be made due to a child's physical or medical condition. The Licensee shall have documentation from the child's health care provider stipulating the sleeping position for that child.~~

~~265. The Licensee shall ensure that seasonably appropriate top and bottom coverings, such as sheets and blankets, are provided for each child.~~

- ~~A. Sheets and blankets or other bedding shall be cleaned when soiled or wet and at least weekly on a weekly basis.~~

266. The Licensee shall ensure that rest equipment is maintained in a safe condition.
- ~~141. Each child in care between the hours of 8:00 P. M. and 6:00 A. M. shall have an individual bed equipped with comfortable springs, and mattress, covered with sheets, pillow, pillowcase and blankets.~~
- ~~142~~267. The Licensee shall ensure that cribs, porta-cribs, cots, sleeping bags, mats, or pads shall be placed at least three (3) feet apart, unless separated by screens.
- ~~143. Crib and playpen slats shall be no more than 2-3/8 inches apart.~~
- ~~144. High chairs, when used, shall have a wide base and a T-shaped safety strap.~~
- ~~145. Infant walkers shall be used only under the Caregiver's direct visual supervision. Infants shall not be placed in walkers for extended periods of time.~~

NIGHT CHILD CARE

268. The Licensee providing night child care shall ensure staff members are on the ground level of the Large Family Child Care Home with the children in child care (see Rule #216).
269. The Licensee providing night child care shall ensure staff members remain awake and provide supervision to children at all times.
270. The Licensee providing night child care shall ensure that quiet, developmentally appropriate activities are provided to children before bedtime.
271. The Licensee providing night child care shall ensure that each child is given individual attention at bedtime and upon awakening.
- A. The Licensee shall ensure a staff member(s) discuss with the parent(s)/guardian(s) any special preferences or habits of the child regarding bedtime and awakening.
272. The Licensee providing night child care shall ensure that each child in child care between the hours of 8:00 P. M. and 6:00 A. M. who is sleeping four (4) or more hours at the Large Family Child Care Home has an individual bed equipped with comfortable springs, and mattress, covered with sheets, pillow, pillowcase and blankets.
273. The Licensee providing night child care shall ensure that children over the age of four (4) do not share a dressing area with persons of the opposite sex.
274. The Licensee providing night child care shall ensure that child to child contact is prevented during the hours children are sleeping in the evening and/or overnight.
275. The Licensee providing night child care shall ensure that each child has individual, clean, and comfortable sleeping garments.
276. The Licensee providing night child care shall ensure a staff member(s) follow the parent(s)/guardian(s)' preference(s) regarding bathing the child as discussed with the parent(s)/guardian(s) and noted in the child's record.
- A. If bathtubs and showers are used, shall be equipped to prevent slipping.
- B. Infants shall be bathed in age-appropriate bathing facilities.
- C. Portable bathing facilities shall be acceptable for bathing children before bedtime.
- D. Under no circumstances shall a child be bathed in a sink.

- E. Each child shall be bathed in a bathtub, shower or portable bathing equipment that has been sanitized before each use.
 - F. Children shall be bathed individually and not be placed together in a bathtub or shower.
 - G. Water temperature shall be checked to prevent burns or scalding, or for water that is too cold.
 - H. Individual towels and washcloths shall be provided for each child.
277. The Licensee providing night child care shall ensure that no child is left unsupervised while in a bathtub or shower.
- A. A child capable of bathing alone shall be allowed to bathe in private with written permission from parent(s)/guardian(s). A staff member shall respect that child's privacy but be immediately available to ensure the child's safety to offer assistance when requested by the child.
278. The Licensee providing night child care shall ensure that there is a nightlight in the bathroom, hallway, and sleeping areas as dictated by the individual needs of the children.
279. The Licensee providing night child care shall ensure that combs, toothbrushes, brushes and other such personal items are marked with the owner's name and stored separately and used only by that child.

SWIMMING

146280. The Licensee shall ensure that all children shall be under direct observation directly supervised and supervision of staff members at all times while children are wading or swimming. There shall be a minimum of two adults staff members present during any swimming activity involving two or more infants and/or toddlers.
- A. Permanent or built-in type swimming pools and wading pools that are left filled when not in use shall be inaccessible to children when not being used by the children.
 - B. The water in swimming pools used by children in child care shall be treated, cleaned and maintained in accordance with health practices and regulations as determined by the Division of Public Health.
 - C. The pool structure and associated equipment shall be maintained in a safe manner and be free of hazards.
 - BD. Small portable or non-fixed wading pools shall be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after each use.

PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

147281. The LFCCH Licensee shall require staff members to provide a written description of typical developmentally appropriate activities provided regularly in the LFCCH designed to promote children's development and education. ~~Planned activities shall include~~ ~~be varied activities designed to,~~ developmentally appropriate, may be related to themes, culturally meaningful and educationally valuable and promote the development of language, literacy, reasoning, and ~~thinking~~ problem-solving skills, understanding of numbers and other mathematical and scientific concepts, large and small muscles skills, social skills, understanding and self-regulations of emotions, self-esteem and positive self-image, as appropriate to the ages and functioning developmental levels of children in child care. When applicable, adaptations of activities shall be made for children with disabilities to enable them to reach goals described in IEPs, IFSPs, and Section 504 plans.
282. The Licensee shall ensure that planned activities are based on best practices and accepted

research in the field of early care and education and school-age care and in alignment with principles of foundations of learning as set forth by the Delaware and/or United States Department of Education.

A. Delaware Infant and Toddler Early Learning Foundations: A Curriculum Framework regarding infants and toddlers and Delaware Early Learning Foundations for School Success regarding preschoolers are available on the Delaware Department of Education website at (add current website).

283. The Licensee shall ensure that activities and materials reflect children's cultures, and communities, including both familiar and new materials, pictures, and experiences.

284. The Licensee shall consult with parent(s)/guardian(s) about child care practices specific to their children's culture and community, and ensure staff members provide as much consistency as possible in their child care practices especially concerning infants and toddlers.

285. The Licensee shall ensure that adaptations and accommodations be made by staff members in activities, adult-child interactions, teaching strategies, and materials or equipment when needed to support the positive development of all children including those with disabilities.

286. The Licensee shall develop and ensure staff members follow a daily routine or schedule that is posted for easy reference by parent(s)/guardian(s).

148287. The Licensee shall ensure that the daily routine or schedule shall includes opportunities regular times for all of the following:

- A. Indoor and outdoor time periods with;
- ~~iB.~~ alternating Active and quiet activities;
- ~~iiC.~~ opportunity for Individual and group activities that can be done independently and/or require adult supervision,
- ~~iiiD.~~ opportunities for children The ability to choose some materials freely,
- ~~iv.~~ activities that can be done independently and activities that require adult supervision,
- ~~v.~~ outdoor time each day;
- ~~BE.~~ Rest or sleep; and
- ~~GF.~~ Meals and snacks.

288. The Licensee shall ensure that each child, according to his or her ability, is provided the opportunity for a minimum of twenty (20) minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity indoors and outdoors, for every three (3) hours the child is in attendance between the hours of 7:00AM to 7:00PM.

149289. The Licensee shall ensure that children shall have periods of outside play each day depending upon weather conditions (see Rule #205).

150290. The Licensee shall ensure that in the case of prolonged periods of inclement or extreme (hot or cold) weather conditions, the LFCCH shall provide opportunities for alternative indoor space for active physical play are provided by staff members.

154291. The LFCCH Licensee shall ensure that each child receives individual attention and physical comfort by the staff members during routine caregiving and planned activities providing child care.

152. Children, including infants and toddlers, shall be talked with individually throughout the day.

- ~~The staff of the LFCCH shall initiate conversations with children and shall respond positively to children's communications.~~
- ~~153. Children shall be offered choices of activities and shall be encouraged to be independent in self-care and in assisting with routine tasks in a manner consistent with their age and developmental level.~~
- ~~154. Television and videotape viewing shall be limited to no more than two (2) hours of age-appropriate programs during the hours children are in care.~~
- ~~A. Adult programming shall not be viewed by children.~~
- ~~155. All infants shall spend some portion of their waking hours shall be spent out of cribs and playpens. Cribs, playpens, infant seats, swings, high chairs and jumpers may be used as long as the infant is content but never for periods longer than one (1) hour at a time. Infants who are not yet crawling shall also spend some portion of each waking period in a protected area where they can move freely. Crawling infants shall be allowed to explore in protected areas for substantial portions of their waking hours.~~
292. The Licensee shall ensure that staff members keep a daily record of each infant's feeding, sleeping, and other routine activities and share these with the infant's parent(s)/guardian(s) at the end of each day.
293. The Licensee ensure that every infant has an identified staff member who will assume the primary, but not the only responsibility for feeding, comforting, and otherwise caring for the infant's needs.
294. The Licensee shall ensure that staff members interact with infants providing the following opportunities throughout the day:
- A. Offering frequent face to face interactions when they are awake;
 - B. Being held and carried;
 - C. Limiting time spent, while awake, in any confining equipment such as a crib, infant seat, swing, high chair or play pen to less than one-half (1/2) hour immediately after which opportunities for freedom of movement in a sanitary area protected from foot traffic;
 - D. Talking with infants during play, feeding and routine care;
 - E. Reading to and looking at books with infants while holding or sitting close to them;
 - F. Providing varied materials, sights, sounds and other experiences for infants to explore with their senses;
 - G. Responding to infants' actions, sounds and beginning language;
 - H. Giving names to objects and experiences in the infants' environment;
 - I. Providing space and equipment to support infants' developing physical skills such as rolling over, sitting, scooting, crawling and standing; and
 - J. Providing materials and encouragement for infants' beginning pretend play alone, with other children and adults.
295. The Licensee shall ensure that staff members interact with toddlers at their eye level, and whenever appropriate, sitting on the floor with toddlers, providing the following opportunities throughout the day:
- A. Offering frequent face to face interactions with the toddlers;
 - B. Having conversations with toddlers during play, feeding, and routine care;
 - C. Reading to and looking at books with toddlers individually and in small groups;
 - D. Encouraging children to play with one another with adult help;
 - E. Providing materials and encouragement for pretend play alone and with other

- children and adults:
- F. Providing varied materials, sights, sounds, and other experiences for toddlers to explore with all their senses;
 - G. Providing opportunities for children to walk, run, climb, stack, balance, scribble, draw, and develop fine and large motor skills;
 - H. Responding to toddlers' words and actions with interest and encouragement;
 - I. Giving names to objects and experiences in the toddlers' environment; and
 - J. Supporting toddlers' development of independence and mastery of feeding, dressing, and other skills.
296. The Licensee shall ensure that staff members interact with preschool-age and older children at their eye level, and whenever appropriate, sitting on the floor with the children, providing the following opportunities throughout the day:
- A. Offering frequent face to face interactions with children;
 - B. Having conversations with children during play, meals and routine care;
 - C. Reading to and looking at books with children individually and in groups;
 - D. Using rhymes, songs, and other ways to help children connect sounds and letters and develop other literacy skills;
 - E. Helping children develop mathematical and scientific concepts through play, projects, and investigations of the Large Family Child Care Home's environment;
 - F. Supporting the development of social competence through play and cooperative work with other children;
 - G. Providing materials and encouragement for more extended and complex pretend play alone and with other children and staff;
 - H. Providing varied materials, sights, sounds, and other experiences for children to investigate and talk about;
 - I. Providing opportunities for children to walk, run, climb, stack, balance, scribble, draw, write, and refine fine and large motor skills;
 - J. Responding to children's words and actions with interest and encouragement;
 - K. Giving names to objects and experiences in the children's environment; and
 - L. Supporting children's development of independence and mastery of skills.
- ~~156. School-age children shall be provided with supervised activities appropriate to their age and interests, including opportunities for:~~
- ~~A. Vigorous outdoor play;~~
 - ~~B. Time to read or do homework;~~
 - ~~C. Free play alone or with other; and~~
 - ~~D. Creative and problem-solving activities.~~
297. The Licensee shall ensure that staff members interact with school-age children and also provide the following daily opportunities when such aged children are in attendance during out of school time:
- A. Active physical play time and/or outdoor activities. If weather conditions do not permit outdoor play, children shall be given opportunities for active physical play indoors.
 - B. The time for socialization, conversation, relaxation, and quiet activities such as board or card games, reading, homework and studying.
 - C. Responsibility consistent with their ages for choosing, planning, carrying out and evaluating their own activities.
298. The Licensee shall ensure that television, digital video display (DVD) and video cassette viewing is as follows:

- A. Children under two (2) years of age are not engaged in television, DVD or video cassette viewing;
- B. Not permitted without the written approval of each child's parent/guardian;
- C. Limited to programs which are age-appropriate and educational; and
- D. Not to exceed one (1) hour daily per child or group of children.

- i. Viewing time periods may be extended for specific special events or occasions such as a current event, holiday or birthday celebration. Written documentation shall justify the reason(s) for extending the time period.

299. The Licensee shall ensure that the use of the computer shall be as follows:

- A. Not permitted without the written approval of each child's parent/guardian;
- B. Limited to programs, games and websites which are age-appropriate and educational;
- C. Provides protections from exposure to inappropriate websites such as those that are sexually explicit, violent, or use inappropriate language;
- D. Supervised by a staff member; and
- E. Not to exceed one (1) hour daily per child or group of children.

- i. Usage time periods may be extended for special projects such as homework, researching topics, or special events or interests of a child or group of children. Written documentation shall justify the reason(s) for extending the usage period.

~~457300. The Licensee shall ensure that children are not permitted off the Large Family Child Care Home premises without the Caregiver a staff member qualified to be alone with children. An exception is made for children having written parental permission to be off the premises with a person other than the caregiver.~~

EQUIPMENT

- 301. The Licensee shall provide developmentally appropriate equipment and materials for a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Materials and equipment shall promote a variety of experiences that support children's social, emotional, language/literacy, intellectual, and physical development.
- 302. The Licensee shall ensure that materials and equipment be available in a quantity to allow all children to benefit from their use and to allow a range of choices with, at least, duplicates of the most popular materials.
- 303. The Licensee shall ensure that for infants and toddlers under eighteen (18) months, the following supplies and/or equipment in each of the following categories are provided in quantities as described in Rule #302:
 - A. Sensory supplies and equipment: crib mobiles, teething toys, busy boxes, baby mirrors, rattles, melody chimes, squeeze toys; or other comparable supplies or equipment;
 - B. Language/dramatic play supplies and equipment: picture books, toy telephones, tapes or CD's, hand puppets, washable stuffed animals and dolls, photographs, or other comparable supplies or equipment;
 - C. Manipulative supplies and equipment: squeeze and grip toys, boxes, sorting and stacking toys, three (3) or four (4) piece wooden inlay puzzles, puzzle blocks, simple threading toys, mobile pull toys, balls, or other comparable supplies or equipment;
 - D. Building supplies and equipment: soft lightweight blocks, toy cars, trains and/or

- boats, figures of animals and people, stacking rings and/or cups, nesting toys, or other comparable supplies or equipment;
- E. Large muscle supplies and equipment: low climbers, slides, riding/rocking toys, foam or soft plastic balls, gym mats, play tunnels, or other comparable supplies and equipment; and
- F. Music supplies and equipment: rhythm instruments, tape or CD player and CDs and tapes; toys with musical tones, musical mobiles and/or busy boxes, drums, xylophones and/or pianos, or other comparable supplies or equipment.
304. The Licensee shall ensure that for children over eighteen (18) months, the following supplies and/or equipment in each of the following categories are provided in quantities as described in Rule #302:
- A. Language/literacy supplies and equipment: books, flannel board, upper and lower case letters, pictures for discussion, materials for recognition, identification, and/or classification, poetry, puppets, audio-visual materials, show and tell items, or other comparable supplies or equipment;
- B. Science and math supplies and equipment: plants and gardening equipment, aquarium with fish and/or other appropriate live animals, water table with supplies, sand table and supplies, cooking supplies, weather chart and/or thermometer, counting equipment, balance scale, or other comparable supplies or equipment;
- C. Manipulative supplies and equipment: puzzles, pegs and pegboards, lacing boards, building toys, stencils, dominoes, pounding bench, lotto games, or other comparable supplies and equipment;
- D. Large muscle equipment: rocking boat, wheel toys, climbers, slides, balance beam, barrels and/or large cartons, parachute, balls and beanbags, outdoor play equipment, gym mats, or other comparable supplies and equipment;
- E. Building activities: unit blocks (minimum of four (4) sizes), transportation toys, farm animals and/or play people, work bench and tools, building toys, building logs, or other comparable supplies and equipment;
- F. Art supplies and equipment: crayons, tempera paint, large brushes and newsprint, finger paint and finger paint paper, construction paper in assorted colors, paste or glue, blunt scissors, collage materials, non-toxic felt tip markers, easels, clay or play dough, or other comparable supplies and equipment;
- G. Music supplies and equipment: tape/CD player, tapes or CDs, piano and/or organ, guitar, rhythm sticks, drums, cymbals and bells, tape recorder, or other comparable supplies and equipment; and
- H. Dramatic play supplies and equipment: toy dishes, ironing board, telephones, occupational props and/or uniforms, dress-up clothes, housekeeping area (stove, sink, refrigerator), cradle or doll bed, doll carriage and dolls, puppets, play grocery store, post office or hospital, or other comparable supplies and equipment.
305. The Licensee shall ensure that toys, play equipment and other equipment used by the children are of sturdy and safe construction and free from hazards such as causing entrapment, and having rough edges, sharp corners, pinch and crush points, splinters, exposed bolts, small loose pieces and are free from recall.
- A. For information on the recall of children's toys and equipment, please refer to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission website at www.cpsc.gov.
306. The Licensee shall provide infant seats with trays for table play and mealtime for children no longer being held for feeding.
307. The Licensee shall ensure that high chairs or feeding tables with attached seats, if used, shall have a wide base and a T-shaped safety strap(s).

308. The Licensee shall prohibit the use of walkers.
309. The Licensee shall ensure that equipment and materials are selected or adapted to allow all children, including those with disabilities and other special needs, to benefit from the participation in activities at the Large Family Child Care Home.
310. The Licensee shall ensure that equipment and supplies are relevant to the cultural background and community of all children and foster awareness of other cultures and communities.
311. The Licensee shall prohibit toys that explode or fire projectiles.
312. The Licensee shall ensure that infants and toddlers do not have access to plastic bags, Styrofoam objects or toys, and objects with a diameter of less than one (1) inch.

DISCIPLINE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

458313. The LFCCH Licensee shall have a written statement in plain language regarding the discipline and guidance positive behavior management of children. The statement on discipline positive behavior management shall be routinely provided to parent(s)/guardian(s) and all LFCCH staff members and volunteers.

45314.A LFCCH The Licensee shall ensure the use of positive developmentally appropriate methods of discipline and guidance behavior management of children which encourage self-control, self-direction, positive self-esteem, social responsibility and cooperation.

- A. Praise, rewards and encouragement Prevention of behavioral problems shall be emphasized along with redirection of inappropriate behavior, rather than punishment. Prevention strategies shall include providing appropriate, educationally valuable materials and activities in an organized, stimulating environment, and setting realistic expectations for young children when planning the routine or schedule.
- B. The Licensee shall ensure that staff members shall praise and encourage children for positive behavior and redirect or guide inappropriate behavior into more positive actions, rather than relying on punishment.
- BC. Responses to a child's behavior shall be appropriate to the child's level of development and understanding.
- CD. "Time-outs " if used, shall be employed as a supplement to, not a substitute for, other developmentally appropriate, positive methods of discipline and guidance behavior management. i. "Time-out" shall be limited to brief periods: approximately – no more than one (1) minute for each year of a child's age. ii. Before using "time-out", the Caregiver Licensee shall ensure staff members shall discuss explain the reasons for "time-out" to the child in language appropriate to the child's level of development and understanding.
- i. The first step for "time-out" shall be to remove the child from the group but keep the child within eyesight of the group that continues to participate in the activity. If this step is ineffective, the child may be removed from the room so that he/she is unable to participate, observe or hear the activity. A child removed from the group or room shall remain under visual supervision at all times. Children shall never be left unattended behind closed doors.
- ii. "Time-out" shall be in an area that comfortably accommodates the child. "Time-out" shall be seen as a positive opportunity for the child to regroup and focus on appropriate behavior. Before rejoining the group or returning to the room, the staff member shall talk to the child about alternatives to

the inappropriate behavior in a way that shows faith in the child's ability to make more positive decisions in the future.

- ~~DE.~~ Corporal punishments inflicted in any way on a child's body including shaking, hair pulling, biting, pinching, slapping, or spanking shall be prohibited.
 - ~~EF.~~ Children shall not be yelled at, humiliated, frightened, or verbally, physically or sexually abused.
 - ~~G.~~ Disparaging comments about a child's appearance, ability, ethnicity, family and other personal characteristics shall be prohibited.
 - ~~GH.~~ Children shall not be deprived of food or toilet use as ~~punishments~~ a consequence of inappropriate behavior.
 - ~~GJ.~~ Children shall not be tied, taped, chained, caged or placed in mechanical restraints as ~~punishment~~ a consequence of inappropriate behavior.
 - ~~H.~~ ~~If a child is removed from the group as a discipline measure, the child must remain under visual supervision. Children shall never be left unattended behind closed doors.~~
 - ~~IJ.~~ ~~Children~~ Negative or punitive action shall not be ~~punished~~ taken with children for not going to sleep, toileting accidents, failure to eat all or part of food or failure to complete a prescribed activity.
 - ~~K.~~ The Licensee or staff members shall consult with professionals and with parent(s)/guardian(s) to design effective positive behavioral interventions and to adapt behavior management practices for a child who has a special need(s), including a behavioral and/or emotional disability.
315. The Licensee shall ensure that positive behavior management techniques and respectful communication interactions are modeled by staff members when relating each other, other adults and parent(s)/guardian(s) while at the Large Family Child Care home

KITCHEN, FOOD AND NUTRITION

316. The Licensee shall ensure that the kitchen and all food preparation, storage and serving areas and utensils in the Large Family Child Care Home are kept clean and sanitary.
317. The Licensee shall ensure the kitchen in the Large Family Child Care Home has hot and cold running water.
318. The Licensee shall ensure the Large Family Child Care Home has one of the following arrangements of sinks in the kitchen's food preparation area:
- A. Three (3) sinks – one (1) used only for hand-washing; one (1) used only for food preparation; and one (1) used only for dishwashing when washing, rinsing and sanitizing cooking and eating utensils;
 - B. Two (2) sinks – one (1) used only for hand-washing, and one (1) used only for food preparation; and a dishwasher with a sanitizer cycle used when washing, rinsing and sanitizing cooking and eating utensils; or
 - C. One (1) sink used only for hand-washing; and a two (2) compartment sink with one (1) compartment used for food preparation, and the other compartment used for dishwashing when washing, rinsing and sanitizing cooking and eating utensils.
319. The Licensee shall ensure the Large Family Child Care Home has an oven or microwave, and a range or cook top.
320. The Licensee shall ensure the Large Family Child Care Homes has a refrigerator to keep perishable foods cold at forty (40) degrees F. or colder with a working thermometer in the refrigerator.

321. The Licensee shall ensure that a freezer is maintained so that food stored in the freezer stays frozen at zero (0) degrees F. or colder with a working thermometer in the freezer.
322. The Licensee shall ensure the Large Family Child Care Home has either an operable window or suitable exhaust system for the removal of smoke and odors.
323. The Licensee shall ensure all dishes and utensils shall be air dried.
324. The Licensee shall ensure that all dishes, cups and glasses used by the children in child care are free from chips, cracks or other defects.
325. The Licensee shall ensure that each individual child has his or her own clean utensils – fork, spoon, knife, dish, cup or bottle as appropriate to the age of the child to eat with or be feed with. Such utensils or equipment shall not be shared with another child during feeding.
326. The Licensee shall ensure that meals and/or snacks are served in a safe and sanitary manner whether indoors or outdoors.
327. The Licensee shall have a written policy concerning food service including:
- A. A description of all food services provided;
 - B. Times of snacks and meals;
 - C. Procedures related to food allergies, religious dietary requirements and other special needs;
 - D. If applicable, nutritional information and guidelines concerning the content of meals, snacks or foods for special occasions when provided by parent(s)/guardian(s);
 - E. If applicable, procedures to prevent spoilage of food provided by the parent(s)/guardian(s);
 - F. If applicable, a procedure to be followed by the staff members if food brought in by the parent(s)/guardian(s) for the child fails to meet nutritional requirements as specified in Rule #332; and
 - G. This policy shall be provided to all parent(s)/guardian(s) at enrollment.
328. The Licensee shall ensure that menus are planned in advance, are dated and posted in the kitchen for review by parent(s)/guardian(s). Menus noting actual food served shall be retained for thirty (30) days. Any changes made in actual food served on a particular date shall be documented on the menu on or before that date.
329. The Licensee shall ensure that a supply of food and water shall be kept in stock for emergency situations that require an extended stay at the Large Family Child Care home or cause a power outage. Non-perishable foods, bottled water and any equipment necessary to serve or prepare foods without the use of electricity shall be included in the supply.
460330. The Licensee shall ensure that ~~nutritional~~ nutritious, appropriately-timed ~~scheduled~~ meals and snacks ~~shall be meeting nutritional requirements are served to children in care for four (4) in accordance with the following schedule which indicates the number of hours or more per day the child is present at the Large Family Child Care home: No child is permitted to be without a meal or snack for excessively long periods of time.~~
- A. The LFCCH shall have supplemental foods from all four basic food groups to serve children if the meals provided by parents fail to meet nutritional requirements specified in Requirements 161 and 162
 - B. Exceptions to these meal and snack requirements shall only be made by written documentation by the child's health care provider

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| A. | <u>2 hours – 4 hours</u> | <u>1 snack;</u> |
| B. | <u>4 hours – 6 hours</u> | <u>1 meal and 1 snack;</u> |
| C. | <u>7 hours – 11 hours</u> | <u>2 meals and 1 snack, or 2 snacks and 1 meal</u> |
| D. | <u>12 hours or more</u> | <u>based on time of child's arrival;</u>
<u>3 meals and 2 snacks.</u> |

~~464331.~~ The Licensee shall ensure that all meals and snacks served to children, whether are provided by the Caregiver or parents, shall have at least one (1) item from each of the following food groups, except where noted, so that the daily nutritional needs of children can be met (serving sizes to be used for each age group can be found in the Appendix of these Requirements): in accordance to the current USDA/Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) meal pattern requirements which are adjusted accordingly by the age of the infant and child as specified in **Appendix, Delaware CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements for Infants and Delaware CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements for Children**

- A. Dairy products: milk, milk products, cheese; The Licensee shall ensure that supplemental foods are available at the Large Family Child Care Home from all basic food groups to serve children if meals or snacks provided by parent(s)/guardian(s) fail to meet nutritional requirements as specified in Rule #332.
- B. Protein group: meat, fish, poultry, eggs, peanut butter, dried beans, peas, cheese;
- C. Two fruits or vegetables or one of each: including a wide variety of green, white, yellow and red vegetables and fruits; and
- D. Grain group: whole grain and enriched breads, cereals, pasta, crackers, rice.

~~332.~~ The Licensee shall ensure food is provided based on the basic food groups as follows:

- A. Milk: fluid pasteurized cow's milk as age-appropriate;
- B. Proteins: meat, fish, poultry, eggs, yogurt, cheese, peanut butter, dried beans, peas, and nuts;
- C. Fruits and vegetables: include a variety of fresh vegetables and fruits; and
- D. Grains: whole grains and enriched products such as breads, cereals, pastas, crackers and rice.

~~162.~~ All snacks served to children shall include one item from two (2) for the four (4) food groups.

~~163.~~ Meals for infants shall be provided according to the following guidelines:

- A. Formula and feeding schedules for each infant shall be designated by the parent(s).
- B. Baby food, breast milk or formula, after it has been prepared from concentrate or after the container has been opened, shall be refrigerated. Any contents remaining in the bottle after a feeding shall be discarded.
- C. Introduction of all new food shall be made in consultation with the parent(s).
- D. Baby food for each child shall be served from a dish unless the whole contents of the jar will be served.
- E. Bottles shall be labeled with the individual child's name when there is more than one infant in care.
- F. Infants under six (6) months of age shall be held by the Caregiver while being bottle fed. No infant shall be placed in his/her crib with a bottle for feeding.
- G. Bottle propping and carrying of bottles by young children throughout the day and night shall be prohibited.

- ~~164333.~~ The LFCGH Licensee shall ensure that all food served to children in the Large Family Child Care Home is clean, wholesome, free from spoilage and adulteration, correctly labeled and safe for human consumption.
334. The Licensee shall ensure that when fruit or vegetable juice is served, 100% - unsweetened juice is used, and not a fruit drink or fruit cocktail.
335. The Licensee shall ensure that children are encouraged but not forced to eat.
336. The Licensee shall ensure the introduction of a variety of food textures, finger foods, and a cup in the training of self-feeding and nutrition education is provided at the Large Family Child Care Home.
- ~~165.~~ All milk and milk products shall be pasteurized. Powdered milk may be used only for cooking.
- A. ~~Only whole, pasteurized milk shall be served to children younger than 24 months of age who are not on formula or breast milk, except with the written direction of a parent and the child's health care provider.~~
- B. ~~Skim milk shall not be served to children of preschool age or younger, except with the written direction of a parent and the child's health care provider.~~
337. The Licensee shall ensure that powdered milk is not used as a substitute for fluid milk for drinking purposes but may be used in cooking.
338. The Licensee shall ensure that special, therapeutic diets are served only upon written instruction for a child from the child's health care provider.
339. The Licensee shall ensure that if the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a child requests any modification of basic meal patterns (see **Appendix, CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements for Infants** and **CACFP Meal Patterns Requirement for Children**) due to a child's medical need(s) such as food allergies or food intolerance, the parent(s)/guardian(s) provide the Licensee with written documentation from the child's health care provider permitting the modification.
340. The Licensee shall ensure that if the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a child requests any modification of basic meal patterns (see **Appendix, CACFP Meal Pattern Requirements for Infants** and **CACFP Meal Patterns Requirement for Children**) due to a family's food preferences or religious beliefs, the parent(s)/guardian(s) provide the Licensee with written documentation specifying which foods are unacceptable and the food substitution allowed within the same food group.
341. The Licensee shall ensure that every effort will be made to accommodate the needs of the child who is being breast-fed, including allowing the mother to breastfeed her child at a designated place at the Large Family Child Care home.
342. The Licensee shall ensure that each individual child has his or her own utensils – fork, spoon, knife, dish, cup or bottle as appropriate to the age of the child to eat with or be feed with. Such utensils or equipment shall not be shared with another child during feeding.
- ~~166.~~ Refrigeration shall be used for perishable foods and shall maintain temperatures of 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below. Freezers shall maintain temperatures of 0 degrees Fahrenheit or below.
- A. ~~There shall be a business thermometer in all refrigerators.~~

TODDLERS AND OLDER CHILDREN

343. The Licensee shall ensure that a breakfast served has at least one (1) item each from the milk (A), fruits and vegetables (C) and grain (D) food groups as described in Rule #332.
344. The Licensee shall ensure that a lunch or dinner served has one (1) item from each of the milk (A), protein (B) and grain (D) food groups and two (2) items from the fruit and vegetable (C) food groups as described in Rule #332.
345. The Licensee shall ensure that a snack served has at least one (1) item from two (2) of the food groups as described in Rule #332.
- A. The Licensee shall, at a minimum, provide a snack(s) meeting nutritional requirements, even if parent(s)/guardian(s) provide meals.
- B. If milk or fruit/vegetable juice is not included with a snack, water shall also be served with that snack.
346. The Licensee shall ensure that the use of a bottle is discouraged for children after one (1) year of age, and instead, teach and encourage the use of a cup.

INFANTS

347. The Licensee shall ensure that a written statement specifying food including specific formula or breast milk, and a feeding schedule shall be obtained from the parent(s)/guardian(s) for each infant at least on a monthly basis or as needed.
348. The Licensee shall ensure that a daily written record of each infant's nutritional intake is maintained and provided to the parent(s)/guardian(s) upon request. Any feeding problems experienced by an infant shall be discussed with his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) before the infant's daily departure from the Large Family Child Care Home.
349. The Licensee shall ensure that an infant is:
- A. Fed on demand or during a span of time consistent with the infant's eating habits;
- B. Held for all bottle-feeding;
- C. Not placed in his or her crib with a bottle for feeding; and
- D. Not fed from a propped bottle.
350. The Licensee shall ensure that when preparing and/or providing bottles of formula:
- A. Bottles and nipples maintained by the Licensee shall be washed and sanitized before use;
- B. Unprepared formula brought to the Large Family Child Care Home by parent(s)/guardian(s) or provided by the Licensee shall come from an unopened, =factory-sealed container;
- C. Each infant's bottle of formula shall be individually labeled with the infant's name and refrigerated immediately upon arrival if prepared by parent(s)/guardian(s) or after preparation by the Licensee;
- D. Bottles of formula shall be warmed under running warm tap water or by placing them in a container of water that is no warmer than 120 degrees F and not be left in warm water for more than five (5) minutes;
- E. Bottles of formula shall not be warmed or thawed in a microwave oven;
- F. Mixing formula with cereal, fruit juice or any other foods in a bottle shall be considered a modification of a basic meal pattern and require written documentation from an infant's health care provider permitting the modification;
- G. Unused portions of formula in a bottle fed to an infant shall be discarded after each

- feeding that exceeds a period of one (1) hour from beginning of feeding; and
- H. Unused bottles of formula shall be dated as to when prepared if not returned to the parent(s)/guardian(s) at the end of each day; and
- I. Refrigerated, unused, prepared formula shall be discarded after forty-eight (48) hours.

351. The Licensee shall ensure that when offering breast milk from a mother to her own infant:

- A. Breast milk shall be fed only to that mother's own infant;
- B. Frozen breast milk shall be thawed under running cold water or in the refrigerator;
- H. Bottles of breast milk shall not be warmed or thawed in a microwave oven;
- O. Bottles of breast milk shall be warmed under running warm tap water or by placing them in a container of water that is no warmer than 120 degrees F and not be left in warm water for more than five (5) minutes;
- P. Unused portions of breast milk shall be discarded after each feeding that exceeds a period of one (1) hour from beginning of feeding;
- R. Expressed breast milk shall be discarded if it is in an unsanitary bottle or has been un-refrigerated for more than one (1) hour;
- S. Refrigerated, unused, expressed breast milk that was never frozen shall be discarded after forty-eight (48) hours, or by three (3) months if frozen and stored in a deep freezer at zero (0) degrees F;
- T. Unused, frozen breast milk that has been thawed in the refrigerator shall be used within twenty-four (24) hours;

352. The Licensee shall ensure that cow's milk is not served to infants.

353. The Licensee shall ensure that when feeding food to infants:

- A. An infant too young to use a feeding chair or other age-appropriate seating apparatus shall be held when fed food;
- B. The introduction to all new foods shall be made only with the parent(s)/guardian(s)' permission.
- C. New foods shall be introduced one at a time on a gradual basis with the intent of ensuring health and nutritional well being;
- D. Semi-solid foods may be introduced to infants four (4) to seven (7) months of age as requested by parent(s)/guardian(s) and shall be required once an infant is eight (8) months of age;
- E. Infant foods shall be warmed by placing them in a container of water that is no warmer than 120 degrees F and not be left in warm water for more than five (5) minutes;
- F. Infant foods shall not be warmed or thawed in a microwave oven;
- G. Foods for infants shall be of a texture and consistency that promotes safe and optimal consumption; and
- H. Baby food for each infant shall be served from a dish unless the entire contents of the jar will be served.

354. The Licensee shall encourage the use of a cup when an infant is developmentally capable of drinking from or holding a cup.

355. The Licensee shall ensure that infants are not offered juices until they are able to drink from a cup in order to develop behaviors that may prevent baby bottle tooth decay.

CHILD HEALTH

467356. The LFCCH Licensee shall have a ~~an~~ arrangement with a ~~physician or other licensed~~ health care provider who provides consultation on health policies and other issues related

to the ~~LFCCH~~ Large Family Child Care home.

357. The Licensee shall ensure that each child is observed by a staff member upon arrival and checked for common signs of communicable diseases, physical injury or other evidence of ill health.

358. The Licensee shall have a written plan for the routine and emergency health care of children including procedures to be followed in case of illness and plans for accessing emergency services. Staff members shall receive a copy of this plan and be trained in its implementation. Parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be given a copy of this plan at the time of enrollment and include:

A. Procedures to be followed in case of illness or emergency, including methods of transportation and notification of parent(s)/guardian(s);

B. Procedures to be followed in case of illness or emergency, when parent(s)/guardian(s) cannot be reached;

C. The Licensee's policy regarding administration of medication; and

D. A plan for the management of communicable disease including the following:

i. The list of symptoms of illness for which a child will be excluded from the Large Family Child Care Home or sent home if symptoms occur after the child has been admitted for the day as specified in Rule #362;

ii. The list of reportable communicable diseases for which a child will not be admitted to the Large Family Child Care Home without a written statement from a health care provider as specified in Rule #364; and

iii. Assurances that the parent(s)/guardian(s) whose child may have been exposed to a reportable communicable disease shall receive written notice of the outbreak of such disease at the Family Large Child Care Home.

468359. The LFCCH Licensee shall ensure that within one (1) month following admission, ~~have on file an age-appropriate health appraisal conducted within the last twelve (12) months prior to admission for each child enrolled not more than 30 days following admission is on file unless required to without immunization(s) such as specified in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act or any applicable local, State and Federal Laws. Health appraisals shall be certified by a licensed physician or nurse practitioner health care provider and shall be updated yearly up to age 5 and then for children preschool-aged younger and not yet in kindergarten or in accordance with the recommended schedule for routine health supervision of the American Academy of Pediatrics. For children below school-age, The health appraisal shall include:~~

A. A health history;

B. A physical and behavioral examination;

C. Growth and development;

D. Recommendations regarding required medication, restrictions or modifications of the child's activities, diet or care;

E. Medical information pertinent to treatment in case of emergency;

F. Documentation of any recommended or required screening or testing such as for blood-lead or tuberculosis;

AG. Documentation of the immunization status, with a listing of day, month and year of administration for each immunization, ~~according to the recommendations of required by the Division of Public Health, as specified in Appendix, Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedules. For current information, the Licensee shall contact the Division of Public Health or refer to the CDC website – <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/recs/child-schedule.htm>.~~

i. The Caregiver Licensee shall not permit a child to be admitted ~~without~~

~~written documentation from a licensed physician or nurse practitioner that the child has received at least one (1) dose of DPT or DT, one (1) dose of TOPV or IPV, the MMR vaccine and Hib conjugate vaccine, if required by the age of the child who is not age-appropriately vaccinated according to the most recent directive from the Division of Public Health unless a written plan has been established (see below) or as required by Law to be admitted without immunization(s) such as specified in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act or any applicable local, State and Federal Laws and regulations.~~

- ii. ~~If a child has not received adequate immunizations as required for his age, the Licensee shall require a written plan for updating the immunizations within a reasonable time frame is to be submitted to the Caregiver Licensee within fourteen (14) days of the child's admission or as required by Law such as specified in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act or any applicable local, State and Federal Laws and regulations.~~
- iii. ~~If the additional required immunizations are not completed within the time frame specified in the written plan, the child shall be excluded from the Large Family Child Care Home until the immunizations have been obtained and written documentation that all needed immunizations for that child have been completed shall be of such has been submitted to the Caregiver within four (4) months from the date of admission Licensee.~~

- ~~B. A description of any disability, sensory impairment, developmental variation, seizure disorder, or emotional or behavioral disturbance that may affect adaptation to child care (include previous surgery, serious illness, history of prematurity, etc. only if necessary for appropriate care);~~
- ~~C. An assessment of the child's growth based on developmental norms;~~
- ~~D. A description of health problems or findings from an examination or screening that need follow-up;~~
- ~~E. Results of screenings - vision, hearing, dental, nutrition, developmental, tuberculosis, hemoglobin, urine, lead, and so forth;~~
- ~~F. Dates of significant communicable diseases (e.g., chicken pox);~~
- ~~G. Prescribed medication(s) including information on recognizing, documenting, and reporting potential side effects;~~
- ~~H. A description of current acute or chronic health problems under or needing treatment;~~
- ~~I. A description of serious injuries sustained by the child in the past that required medical attention or hospitalization; and~~
- ~~J. Special instructions for the Caregiver.~~
- ~~K. For school-age children, the health record may consist of a copy of the child's school health record.~~

~~360. The Licensee shall ensure that for school-age children, a copy of the health appraisal required by the child's school is also on file at the Large Family Child Care home.~~

~~361. The Licensee shall ensure that a child whose parent(s)/guardian(s) objects to immunizations on a religious basis or whose health care provider certifies that such immunizations may be detrimental to the child's health will be exempt from the immunization requirement provided that the parent(s)/guardian(s) submits to the Licensee a notarized statement explaining the exemption is in compliance with State Law.~~

~~169. The LFCCH may administer medication only upon completion of approved training in accordance with State law.~~

~~170. The LFCCH shall report promptly to a parent any accidents, suspected illness, or other change observed in the health of a child.~~

~~171. When a communicable disease occurs, the LFCCH shall immediately notify the parent of an exposed child so that the child may be observed for symptoms of the disease.~~

~~172. The Caregiver shall require information from parents within 24 hours if the child has developed a known or suspected communicable disease, or if an immediate household member has developed such a disease.~~

~~173362.A Caregiver~~ The Licensee shall not permit a child who has symptoms of illness specified below to be admitted or remain in the ~~Caregiver's~~ Large Family Child Care Home unless written documentation from a ~~licensed physician health care provider~~, or verbal approval with written follow-up, states the child has been diagnosed and poses no serious health risk to the child or to other children. ~~The parent, legal guardian, or other person authorized by the parent shall be notified immediately when a child has a sign or symptom requiring exclusion from the Family Child Care Home.~~ The symptoms of illness for possible exclusion at the discretion of the Licensee or staff members shall include, but not be limited to any of the following:

- ~~A. The illness prevents the child from participating comfortably in activities;~~
- ~~B. The illness results in a greater care need than the Caregiver can provide without compromising the health and safety of the other children; or~~
- ~~C. The child has any of the following conditions:~~
 - ~~A. Temperature: infants four (4) months old and younger, equivalent to 100 degrees or greater even if there has not been a change in behavior;~~
 - ~~iB. Temperature: Oral temperature children older than four (4) months, equivalent to 101 degrees or greater; axillary (armpit) temperature 100 degrees or greater; accompanied by behavior changes or other signs or symptoms of illness- until medical evaluation indicates inclusion in the facility Large Family Child Care Home. Oral temperature shall not be taken on children younger than four (4) years (or younger than three (3) years if a digital thermometer is used). Rectal temperature shall be taken only by persons with specific a licensed health training care professional;~~
 - ~~iiC. Symptoms and signs of possible severe illness (such as unusual lethargy, uncontrolled coughing, irritability, persistent crying, difficult breathing, wheezing, or other unusual signs)- until medical evaluation allows inclusion;~~
 - ~~iiiD. Uncontrolled diarrhea, that is, increased number of stools, increased stool water, and/or decreased form that is not contained by the diaper- until diarrhea stops;~~
 - ~~E. Blood in stools not explainable by dietary changes, medication, or hard stools;~~
 - ~~ivF. Vomiting illness (two (2) or more episodes of vomiting in the previous twenty-four (24) hours) until vomiting resolves or until a health care provider determines the illness to be non-communicable, and the child is not in danger of dehydration;~~
 - ~~G. Persistent abdominal pain (continues more than two (2) hours) or intermittent pain associated with fever or other signs or symptoms;~~
 - ~~vH. Mouth sores with drooling, unless a health care provider or health official determines the condition is noninfectious;~~
 - ~~viI. Rash with fever or behavior change, until a health care provider determines that these symptoms do not indicate a communicable disease;~~
 - ~~viiJ. Purulent conjunctivitis (defined as pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow eye discharge), until twenty-four (24) hours after treatment has been initiated;~~
 - ~~viiiK. Scabies, head lice, or other infestation, until twenty-four (24) hours after treatment has been initiated;~~
 - ~~L. Pediculosis (head lice), until twenty-four (24) hours after treatment has been initiated;~~
 - ~~ixM. Tuberculosis, until a health care provider or health official states that the child is on appropriate therapy and can attend child care;~~
 - ~~xN. Impetigo, until twenty-four (24) hours after treatment has been initiated;~~

- ~~xi~~Q. Strep throat or other streptococcal infection, until 24 hours after initial antibiotic treatment and cessation of fever;
- ~~xii~~P. Varicella-Zoster (chicken pox), until all sores have dried and crusted (usually six (6) days);
- ~~Q.~~ Shingles, only if sores cannot be covered by clothing or a dressing; if not exclude until sores have crusted and are dry;
- ~~xiii~~R. Pertussis, until five (5) days of appropriate antibiotic treatment (currently; erythromycin) to prevent an infection have been completed and a licensed physician states in writing the child may return;
- ~~xiv~~S. Mumps, until nine (9) days after onset of parotid gland swelling and a licensed physician states in writing the child may return;
- ~~xv~~T. Hepatitis A virus, until one (1) week after onset of illness, jaundice or as directed by the health department when passive immunoprophylaxis (currently, immune serum globulin) has been administered to appropriate children and staff and a licensed physician states in writing the child may return;
- ~~xvi~~U. Measles, until five (5) days after onset of rash and a licensed physician states in writing the child may return;
- ~~xvii~~V. Rubella, until six (6) days after onset of rash and a licensed physician states in writing the child may return;
- ~~W.~~ Herpetic gingivostomatitis (cold sores), if the child is too young to have control of oral secretions; or
- ~~xviii~~X. Unspecified respiratory illness if it limits the child's comfortable participation in activities or if it results in a need for greater care than can be provided without compromising the health and safety of other children.; or
- ~~xix.~~ Herpetic gingivostomatitis (cold sores), if the child is too young to have control of oral secretions.

~~363.~~ The Licensee may allow a child to return to the Large Family Child Care Home when the symptoms are no longer present or a health care provider indicates the child poses not serious health risk to the child or to other children.

~~364.~~ The Licensee shall not permit a child with a reportable communicable disease, as specified by the Division of Public Health to be admitted to or remain at the Large Family Child Care Home unless:

- ~~A.~~ Written documentation from the child's health care provider states the child has been evaluated and presents no risk to the children or to others;
- ~~B.~~ The Licensee has reported the illness to the Division of Public Health and been advised the child presents no health risk to others; or
- ~~C.~~ If there is a conflict in opinions of the health care provider and the Division of Public Health regarding the exclusion of a child, the Licensee shall follow the instructions of the Division of Public Health.

~~174365.~~ The LFCCH Licensee shall report any reportable communicable disease, listed in the table below, to the Division of Public Health in accordance with Division of Public Health procedures. For current information on reportable communicable disease, and follow instructions of the Licensee shall contact the Division of Public Health in the handling of the illness or refer to the website – <http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/dpc/rptdisease.html>.

TABLE OF REPORTABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	
RESPIRATORY	GASTRO-INTESTINAL
Diphtheria	Giardiasis
German Measles	Hepatitis A

Hemophilus Influenza Disease Measles (rubeola) Bacterial (spinal) Meningitis Mumps Pertussis (whooping cough) Rubella Tuberculosis	Salmonellosis Shigellosis
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175. ~~The child may return to the LFCCH when the symptoms are no longer present or a licensed physician/Division of Public Health indicates the child poses no serious health risk to the child or other children.~~
366. The Licensee shall ensure that when a child has been diagnosed as having a reportable vaccine-preventable communicable disease, all children who have not been immunized against the disease are excluded from the Large Family Child Care Home in accordance with Division of Public Health procedures.
- ~~176~~367. The Licensee shall ensure that if a child who has already been admitted to the LFCCH Large Family Child Care Home manifests any of the illnesses or symptoms specified in Requirements 173-174-Rules #362 & 364, the Caregiver staff member shall ensure met that the child's individual needs for rest, comfort, food, drink and appropriate activity are met until the child can be picked up by the parent(s)/guardian(s) or suitably cared for elsewhere.
177. ~~The Caregiver shall provide parents with a written health policy including guidelines for the prevention and control of communicable diseases, injuries, and child abuse.~~
- A. ~~The policy shall state parents must inform the LFCCH within 24 hours, if the child has developed a known or suspected communicable disease, or if a member of the immediate household has developed such a disease.~~

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

368. The Licensee shall ensure that staff members only administer medication if trained and authorized in accordance with State Law to administer medication to children.
369. The Licensee shall ensure that medication is not administered to a child unless written permission has been received from the child's parent(s)/guardian(s) for each medication to be administered.
370. The Licensee shall ensure that the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a child provide the following information for each medication given:
- A. The name of the child;
 - B. The child's date of birth;
 - C. Medication allergies;
 - D. Doctor's name and phone number;
 - E. Pharmacy and phone number;
 - F. Name of medication;
 - G. Dosage (amount given);
 - H. Time (when given);
 - I. Route of administration (oral; eye, nose or throat drops; topical; or vaginal or rectal suppositories);
 - J. Expiration date;
 - K. Start date;

- L. End date;
- M. Reason for medication; and
- N. Any special directions.

371. The Licensee shall ensure that all prescription medication is in its original container, properly labeled, has not expired, and is authorized by the child's health care provider.
- A. Medication shall only be given to the child whose name appears on the prescription.
372. The Licensee shall ensure that all non-prescription medication is in its original container, properly labeled with directions for its administration, has not expired, and is labeled with the child's name.
- A. Any deviations from the label instructions shall be in writing from the child's health care provider.
373. The Licensee shall not allow the administration of prescription or non-prescription medication that has expired and will immediately contact the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a child whose medication has expired to inform that parent(s)/guardian(s) of the situation.
374. The Licensee shall ensure that all medication in the Large Family Child Care Home is stored so as to be secure and inaccessible to children.
- A. Medication requiring refrigeration shall be kept in closed containers separate from food.
375. The Licensee shall ensure that unused medication is returned to the parent(s)/guardian(s) when no longer needed by the child.
376. The Licensee shall keep a record of the administration of medication to children including medication dosage, time administered, by whom administered, and any adverse effects observed.
377. The Licensee shall ensure that when a child is receiving medication notes are recorded for that child and the parent(s)/guardian(s) are advised of the parent(s)/guardian(s) are advised of the occurrence of any health problems, such as diarrhea, vomiting, continuous hunger, refusal to eat, nosebleeds, skin rash or high temperature.

CHILD ACCIDENT AND INJURY

378. The Licensee shall ensure that when an accident or injury occurs to a child during the hours of child care, that emergency action is taken to protect the child from further harm and notify the child's parent(s)/guardian(s).
- A. The Licensee shall maintain an injury report for each incident in the child's file and report to the Office of Child Care Licensing an accident or injury which results in death or inpatient or outpatient treatment as required in Rules #96 & 97B. An injury report shall include name of child, date, description of injury, how it occurred and first aid or medical care required.
 - B. Whenever an injury report is necessary, the License shall ensure notification of the child's parent(s)/guardian(s) to report each incident. The Licensee shall maintain a record of when the parent(s)/guardian(s) were notified or of attempts to notify the parent(s)/guardian(s).

CAREGIVER HEALTH

~~178. Upon initial application, the Caregiver shall provide written evidence of a health appraisals attesting to the health of the Caregiver and Associate Caregiver(s), and the health of other adults who are regularly present in the home when children are in care. This includes other adults living in the home, substitute caregivers and helpers as described in Requirements 88 and 91. Copies of these health appraisals shall be kept on file in the LFCCH and shall be updated to be consistent with household composition and whenever new substitutes or assistants are added. For children under six living in the home, Requirement 168 shall be met.~~

~~A. The health appraisal shall include, at a minimum:~~

- ~~i. Health history;~~
- ~~ii. Physical exam;~~
- ~~iii. Vision and hearing screening;~~
- ~~iv. Written evidence of freedom from active infection of tuberculosis verified within one year prior to initial application, with further testing required at intervals recommended by the Division of Public Health;~~
- ~~v. A review of immunization status (measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, and polio);~~
- ~~vi. Assessment of need for vaccines against influenza, pneumococcus, and hepatitis B, and of risk from exposure to common childhood infections, such as parvovirus, CMV, and chicken pox; and~~
- ~~vii. Assessment of health related limitations or communicable diseases that may impair the Caregiver's ability to perform the job.~~

~~B. After initial licensure, adults shall be required to provide written evidence of follow up for known medical problems or as required by the Office of Child Care Licensing.~~

TRANSPORTATION

~~479379. The Licensee shall ensure that the vehicle and operator of a vehicle used to transport children in care shall be in good, safe business condition and licensed in accordance are in compliance with all applicable Federal, State and local Laws.~~

~~A. A first aid kit and emergency contact information for all children shall be in the vehicle when children are transported~~

~~380. The Licensee shall ensure the operator of a vehicle not transport more persons, including children and adults, than the capacity of the vehicle.~~

~~480381. The Licensee shall ensure that each child ~~shall be~~ is secured in an individual safety restraint system appropriate to the age, weight, and height of the child at all times while the vehicle, other than a school bus is in motion. All safety restraints shall be federally approved and so labeled according to the current applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard. Child safety restraints shall be installed and used in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and vehicle's instruction and shall be maintained in a safe working condition and free of any recall.~~

~~A. A child preschool age or younger shall only be transported on a school bus that is properly equipped for child safety restraints unless written permission is received from the parent(s)/guardian(s) of that child allowing the child to be transported on a school bus unrestrained. The Licensee shall explain to parent(s)/guardian(s) in writing that while child safety restraints on school buses for children preschool age~~

or younger are not currently required by State Law, the National Highway Traffic Administration recommends that children in this age group always be transported in school buses properly equipped for child safety restraints.

382. The Licensee shall inform parent(s)/guardian(s) about and obtain written permission from parent(s)/guardian(s) for any transportation provided. This permission shall:
- A. Identify who is operating each vehicle;
 - B. Specify any special need or problem of a child which might require special attention during transportation; and
 - C. Require the operator of the vehicle to carry information with directions on handling any special need or problem.
383. The Licensee shall ensure that the operator of the vehicle shall have a valid driver's license that authorizes the driver to operate the vehicle being driven.
384. The Licensee shall ensure that a working phone and first aid kit are in all vehicles transporting children.
385. The Licensee shall ensure that all doors on vehicles are locked whenever the vehicle is in motion.
386. The Licensee shall ensure that children are never left unattended in the vehicle.
387. The Licensee shall ensure that children are not transported in the open back of a truck.
388. The Licensee shall ensure that children are loaded and unloaded at the curbside of the vehicle or in a protected parking area or driveway.
389. The Licensee shall ensure that a vehicle used to transport children has a working heater capable of maintaining a temperature of at least fifty (50) degrees F. in the vehicle.
390. The Licensee shall ensure that a vehicle is air-conditioned when the vehicle's interior temperature exceeds eighty-five (85) degrees F. and providing fresh air through open windows cannot reduce the temperature.
391. The Licensee shall ensure that each vehicle used to transport children is equipped with an operable dry chemical fire extinguisher approved by the Underwriter's Laboratory.

FIELD TRIPS

392. The Licensee shall ensure constant supervision is provided to children during field trips off the Large Family Child Care Home premises to ensure safety.
- A. Volunteering parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be supervised by a staff member at all time including the transportation of children and not be alone with children other than their own children at any time.
184393. The Licensee shall ensure that during field trips, the staff/child ratio shall be is according to the chart below and has a safety policy for children on field trips which includes the following:

Age of Youngest Child In Group	Maximum Number of Children to be Supervised by One Adult Staff Member
0-23 Months	2
2 years	6
3 years	8
4 years	9
5 years	11
6 years and older	15

- A. Staff members shall have a list of the children present and check the roll frequently to ensure all children are accounted for at all times;
- B. A copy of and easy access to medical consent forms and emergency contact information for all children;
- C. A traveling first aid kit available in accordance with Rule #236;
- ~~BD.~~ Children shall have tags or other means of providing a contact or the Large Family Child Care Home's telephone number;
- ~~CE.~~ Staff shall have a plan for transportation of children in the event of an emergency; and
- F. A documented roll check shall be conducted both before departing from the field trip site and again when returning to the Large Family Child Care home.

394. The Licensee shall ensure that volunteering parent(s)/guardian(s) comply with **Transportation** Rules #379 - 391 when transporting children other than their own children on field trips.

~~182. Children shall never be left unattended by an adult in a vehicle.~~

INSURANCE COVERAGE

~~183395.~~ A LFCCH Licensee shall carry insurance covering fire and liability as protection for children in child care at the Large Family Child Care Home.

~~184396.~~ A LFCCH Licensee shall ensure that any vehicle, authorized for use in transporting children in child care by any of the LFCCH staff member, shall have insurance which covers liability.

CHILD RECORDS

~~185. The LFCCH shall maintain an individual record for each child enrolled with the following information:~~

- ~~A. The child's full name, address, telephone number, birth date, and date of enrollment;~~
- ~~B. Health appraisal reports;~~
- ~~C. Written consent signed by parent(s) regarding medications, or special dietary needs;~~
- ~~D. Written authorization signed by parent for emergency medical treatment;~~
- ~~E. Written permission signed by parent(s) for all transportation, trips and swimming activities provided by the LFCCH; and~~
- ~~F. Copies of reports of accidents, injuries or illnesses involving a child.~~

~~186. The LFCCH shall keep accessible at all times emergency contact information for each child in care. This information shall be provided upon enrollment and updated at least annually or upon changes in the information. This information shall include:~~

- A. ~~Home and work addresses and telephone numbers of parents;~~
 - B. ~~Name, address and telephone number of emergency contact person;~~
 - C. ~~Name, address and telephone number of the child's physician or other health care provider;~~
 - D. ~~Health insurance coverage and policy number for child;~~
 - E. ~~A statement of any special problems or needs of the child including allergies, existing illnesses or injuries, previous serious illnesses or injuries and any medication prescribed for long-term, continuous use;~~
 - F. ~~Name of person(s) designated by parent(s) to whom the child may be released; and~~
 - G. ~~Emergency contact information must accompany the child to all off-site excursions.~~
187. ~~The LFCCH shall not disclose or permit the use of any information pertaining to an individual child or family unless the parent(s) of the child has granted written permission to do so, except in the course of performance of official duties and to employees or representatives of the Department.~~
188. ~~The LFCCH shall have a personnel file for each employee and volunteer. The personnel file shall include:~~
- A. ~~Name, date of birth, home address and telephone number;~~
 - B. ~~Date of employment;~~
 - C. ~~Application materials, including letters of reference;~~
 - D. ~~Record of attendance at training sessions;~~
 - E. ~~Documents attesting to qualifications and education;~~
 - F. ~~Written records of required medical examinations and tuberculosis screening;~~
 - G. ~~Date of termination.~~
189. ~~A LFCCH shall keep daily attendance records for children, staff and volunteers identifying the hours of children's attendance and exact hours worked by staff and volunteers each day.~~