

Substantial rewording of Rule 6M-4.620 follows. See Florida Administrative Code for present text.

6M-4.620 Health and Safety Checklists and Inspections.

(1) Inspections.

(a) All school readiness providers must address basic health and safety of their program(s) and facilities, and shall allow the Department of Children and Families or local licensing agency, whichever is applicable, the ability to inspect all program premises, including access to facilities, personnel and records, to monitor and verify compliance with school readiness health, safety, and training standards, pursuant to sections 402.311(2) and 1002.82(2)(i), F.S.

(b) Prior to participation in the school readiness program, and annually thereafter, each school readiness program facility shall be inspected for compliance with the requirements of section 1002.88, F.S., and minimum standards contained within the provider-type specific health and safety checklist and corresponding handbook adopted under this rule. Annual inspections shall be unannounced and shall take place within the contract year at a time as scheduled by the department or local licensing agency (as applicable). The process for such inspections can be found in each of the corresponding handbooks for the provider-type specific checklists adopted under this rule.

(c) Within seven (7) days of receipt, each school readiness provider that is a registered family day care home or is not subject to licensure or registration by the Department of Children and Families must post the results of their most recent health and safety checklist inspection, as verified by the Department or local licensing agency (as applicable), in a conspicuous location easily accessible to parents. Providers must also submit a copy of the results of the health and safety checklist inspection to their local early learning coalition. The results of the health and safety checklist inspection may be submitted to the coalition electronically.

(2) Checklist(s) and Handbook(s).

(a) Licensed child care providers, faith-based child care providers (religious-exempt), and all other child care facilities who are contracted pursuant to Rule 6M-4.610 to provide school readiness services must comply with the standards outlined in Form OEL-SR-6201 (October 2016) entitled “School Readiness Program Health and Safety Checklist for Licensed, License-Exempt, and School-Age Center-based Programs” and the corresponding Form OEL-SR-6202 (October 2016) entitled “School Readiness Program Health and Safety Standards Handbook for Licensed, License-Exempt, and School-Age Center-based Programs.” each incorporated by reference.

(b) Public and non-public schools who are contracted pursuant to Rule 6M-4.610 to provide school readiness services must comply with the standards outlined in Form OEL-SR-6203 (October 2016) entitled “School Readiness Program Health and Safety Checklist for Public and Non-public School Programs” and the corresponding Form OEL-SR-6204 (October 2016) entitled “School Readiness Program Health and Safety Standards Handbook For Public and Non-public School Programs,” each incorporated by reference.

(c) Informal child care providers, Large Family Child Care Homes, and Family Day Care Homes, whether licensed or registered, who are contracted pursuant to Rule 6M-4.610 to provide school readiness services must comply with the standards outlined in Form OEL-SR-6205 (October 2016) entitled “School Readiness Program Health and Safety Checklist for Family Child Care Homes and Informal Providers” and the corresponding Form OEL-SR-6206 (October 2016) entitled “School Readiness Program Health and Safety Standards Handbook for Family Child Care Homes and Informal Providers,” each incorporated by reference.

(d) Form OEL-SR-6207 (October 2016), entitled “In-Service Training Record,” and Form OEL-SR-6208 (October 2016), entitled “Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Requirements,” are each incorporated by reference.

(e) Each form listed in the above paragraphs is available on the Office of Early Learning website at www.floridaearlylearning.com or by contacting the Office of Early Learning, Department of Education, 250 Marriott Drive, Tallahassee, Florida. The incorporated forms are also available at: [FAR link placeholder].

(3) Enforcement. Any issue of noncompliance with the standards outlined in the provider-type specific health and safety checklist(s) or corresponding handbook(s), as identified by the Department of Children and Families or local licensing agency (as applicable), will be forwarded to the appropriate early learning coalition for corrective action, probation, or termination in accordance with enforcement procedures outlined in the corresponding provider-type specific handbook and the Statewide Provider Contract for the School Readiness Program adopted pursuant to Rule 6M-4.610.

(4) Compliance.

(a) All school readiness program providers must be in compliance with the active credential requirements outlined for group size no later than 24 months from the date of enactment of this rule.

(b) All school readiness program providers must be in compliance with preservice training requirements of this rule no later than March 31, 2017.

(c) All school readiness program providers must be in compliance with all other requirements of this rule no later than June 30, 2017.

(5) The following documents and forms are also incorporated by reference as part of this rule:

(a) Title 16 CFR, Parts 1219 and 1220 (January 2016 Edition) [FAR link].

(b) School Entry Health Exam, Florida Department of Health Form DH 3040-CHP (July 2013) [FAR link].

(c) Florida Certification of Immunization, Florida Department of Health Form DH 680 (July 2010), Part A-1, B, or C [FAR link].

(d) Religious Exemption from Immunization, Florida Department of Health Form DH 681 (July 2008) [FAR link].

(e) Immunization Guidelines – Florida Schools, Childcare Facilities and Family Daycare Homes, Florida Department of Health Form DH 150-615 (March 2013) [FAR link].

(f) Center for Disease Control guidelines for handwashing (May 2015) [FAR link].

(g) USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program Guidelines (April 2016) [FAR link].

(h) USDA MyPlate Guidelines (January 2016) [FAR link].

(i) Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting Requirements, form CF-FSP 5337 (October 2012) [FAR link].

(j) Background Screening & Personnel File Requirements, form CF-FSP 5131 (July 2012) [FAR link].

(k) In-Service Training Record – Child Care Facility, form CF-FSP 5268 (July 2012) [FAR link].

(l) In-Service Training Record – Family Day Care Home, form CF-FSP 5268A (March 2009) [FAR link].

(m) Each form listed above is available on the Office of Early Learning website at www.floridaearlylearning.com or by contacting the Office of Early Learning, Department of Education, 250 Marriott Drive, Tallahassee, Florida. The incorporated forms are also available at the link following the associated form name.

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