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Better Days and Better Ways

You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, 'I have lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.' You must do the thing you think you cannot do."
- Eleanor Roosevelt

This quote by a former first lady of the United States of America, while written more than 50 years ago certainly speaks to the situation that we all find ourselves living in. We have all had to face a "faceless" enemy, change our lives dramatically and witness unimaginable suffering. We have changed the way we do business but not lost our humanity, compassion, and desire to help each other. If there is one good thing that will come from this pandemic, it is that ordinary people have been doing extraordinary things. Many of you have had to close your family child care home for the safety of yourself and families. Some have chosen to remain open, and while following the Safer at Home rules, provide care for the children of essential workers. You have helped your own family, neighbors and friends. As many family child care homes re-open and we begin to find our "new normal," there are several things that I would like you to be aware of.

First, if you were closed, you are still considered in child care and do not need to be re-screened, even if not with children more than 90 days.

For those regular family child care homes and large family child care homes that require a fire inspection, if you were unable to obtain a current fire inspection because yours expired on March 1st, 2020, or after, you will not be cited for a violation. However, you must obtain one as soon as the fire inspectors in your municipality are doing inspections again. Some have continued to do them; some have not. Please call your fire department to find out the status of their department.

If your First Aid and Pediatric CPR expired on or after March 1, 2020, you will not be cited. However, there are several instructors who are doing virtual assessments, and you must have current First Aid/CPR at all times. An email blast was sent on 5/6/20 with 5 agencies/individuals conducting Pediatric CPR classes. First Aid can be taken on line.

If driver's physicals or vehicle inspections have expired and you were unable to obtain them, there will not be a violation given. Again, as soon as you can, please obtain these.

If children's physicals and immunizations have expired since March 1st, 2020, you will not be cited. However, parents should be asked to obtain these as soon as possible.

If you were closed, it is important to document those dates so that we are aware when looking at fire drill logs, emergency drill logs, daily indoor/outdoor inspection logs, that there is a reason for the blanks. If you were not open in April, 2020, you do not need to give out the Distracted Driver flyer until September, 2020.

Many Family Child Care Homes that were closed were unable to receive their renewal inspection. We have issued Provisional Licenses in lieu of the regular license. These licenses are not

punitive and as soon as you re-open, please notify your Licensing Specialist so that she can come out and do a re-inspection to get you your regular license for the remainder of your license year.

We are so appreciative of the providers, who although closed, allowed our Licensing Specialists into their home so that they could get as much of their inspection done as possible. We are so appreciative of the support that you have given to the families you serve. We are so appreciative of our Licensing staff who have answered your questions and worked with you to help you to understand the rules, whether emergency regulations or the Governor's Executive Order, under which Family Child Care Homes were required to operate. We are here to support you as we move forward and while we may never go back to exactly the way things were, I look ahead to better days and better ways. *Julie Oliver*

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**With Faith Bornoff, M.Ed.
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We're All In This Together!

You have been hearing from me a lot more lately, but I do hope future communications are for happier reasons. I know that this has been a difficult and trying ride, but I want you to know we are here, we are here to support you, and most of all we are in this together!

With the current COVID-19 situation and the upcoming hurricane season, it is very important that you take a minute to ensure we have the best contact information for your Family Child Care Home in the event of an emergency. If your home is ever closed for any reason, we will need a cell phone number and email that we can use to stay in contact with you. The staff at PCLB are responsible for reporting the status of all Family Child Care Homes daily to DCF and OEL during a state of emergency.

Please remember that it is a licensing regulation that you notify PCLB within 24 hours any time your program must close due to an emergency, such as COVID-19 or a hurricane, or your building sustains any structural damage due to a natural disaster or fire.

To report closures, you can call our office directly. If our office has an emergency closure, you will receive an email from our staff. At that point, you would use the State of Emergency Number at 727-369-3900. You will be asked some questions that will help us better understand your status. When possible, you will receive a call back from a member of our staff.

Again, we are all in this together. PCLB is here to offer support to you, even during the most challenging times. I want to personally thank you for everything you do for the children of Pinellas County, even when it is not easy to do so.



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Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) vs. COVID-19

Influenza and influenza-like illness (ILI) and Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) are both respiratory diseases that share many similarities. As we learn more about COVID-19, it's important to understand the way that these infections are similar and how they're different in order to keep yourself and your community healthy.

Symptoms

Influenza and COVID-19 can both cause cough, fever, muscle aches, fatigue and sometimes nausea/vomiting and diarrhea.

Both can be mild, severe, or sometimes cause death.

Symptoms should be discussed with your healthcare provider to determine the appropriate course of action.

Transmission

Both spread between people through droplets of an infected person's sneeze or cough.

Both viruses can live on surfaces and spread when touching surface then face.

Treatment

Neither can be treated with antibiotics, which only work for bacterial infections.

Difference

Influenza	COVID-19
Antivirals can relieve symptoms and decrease illness duration.	Antivirals and other treatments are being tested currently.

Prevention

Both can be prevented by frequently, thoroughly washing hands and using hand sanitizer, covering coughs and sneezes with your elbow, and staying home when ill

Difference

Influenza	COVID-19
Vaccines are available and updated annually to prevent infection or reduce flu severity. If you have not received your flu shot this year, it is not too late!	Vaccine development is in progress, but no vaccine is currently available for use.

Resources

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provide guidance on [daily life and coping](#) during the COVID-19 outbreak, specifically:

[Stress and coping](#): common experiences of stress and resources for taking care of yourself and coping

[Talking to children](#): tips for navigating difficult conversations about COVID-19 with children to provide simple and honest information while minimizing fear.

For more information on Florida and county COVID-19 trends please visit the Florida Department of Health [COVID-19 webpage](#).

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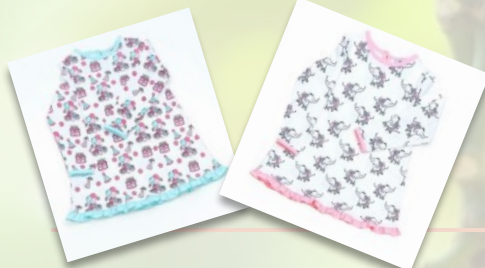
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Just Blanks Children's Nightgowns Recalled by Ishtex Textile Products Due to Violation of Federal Flammability Standard Burn Hazard



Ishtex Textile Products at 800-935-0914 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, email at salesishtex@gmail.com with "Product Recall" as the email subject or online at www.ishtex.com and click on the Product Recall Notice link at the bottom of the page for more information.



Children's Tool Kits Recalled by Grizzly Industrial Due to Violation of Federal Lead Content Ban and Toy Safety Requirements



Grizzly Industrial toll-free at 888-615-7944 anytime or email at recalls@grizzly.com or online at www.grizzly.com and click on recalls for more information.

IKEA Recalls KULLEN 3-Drawer Chests Due to Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards; Consumers Urged to Anchor Chests or Return for Refund

Consumer Contact: Call IKEA's toll-free recall hotline at 888-966-4532 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. ET or go online to www.IKEA-USA.com/secureit for more information on how to receive a refund or a free wall-anchoring repair kit.



Step2 Recalls Children's Grocery Shopping Carts Due to Laceration Hazard

Step2 at 800-347-8372 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at www.step2.com and click on Services & Recall and then on Product Recalls at the top of the page for more information.



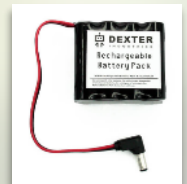
Thule Recalls Thule Sleek Car Seat Adapters Due to Fall Hazard

Thule Group toll-free at 855-652-2688 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, email at carseatadapter@thule.com, or online at www.thule.com/carseatadapter or www.thule.com and click on Support/Safety Notice for more information.



Modular Robotics Recalls Rechargeable Battery Packs Due to Burn Hazard

Consumer Contact: Modular Robotics toll-free 24 hour hotline at 877-233-6859, or visit the firm's website at www.dexterindustries.com for more information.



Wyndmere Naturals Recalls Birch Sweet Essential Oil and Aches & Pains Synergistic Essential Oil Blend Due to Failure to Meet Child Resistant Packaging Requirement; Risk of Poisoning

Consumer Contact: Wyndmere Naturals at 800-207-8538 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, email at support@wyndmerenaturals.com and in the body of the email provide your name, address, product name and the date you purchased the product or online at www.wyndmerenaturals.com and click on "Recall – Important Safety Information" for more information.



Manhattan Toy Recalls Musical Lili Llama Due to Choking Hazard

Manhattan Toy at 800-541-1345 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday; email mtreps@manhattantoy.com, or online at www.manhattantoy.com and click on 'Recall Information' for more information.

CPSC Consumer Information Hotline

Contact us at this toll-free number if you have questions about a recall:
800-638-2772 (TTY 301-595-7054) Times: 8 am – 5:30 pm ET. Messages can be left anytime.
Call to get product safety and other agency information and to report unsafe products.

<https://www.cpsc.gov/>

Creative Corner

Fun, educational activities kids LOVE

PAPER PLATE FISH AQUARIUM

1. Glue beans at the bottom of the plate to represent the aquarium or ocean floor.
2. Cut Pipe Cleaners into small pieces and glue above the beans. You could use any color, and call it seaweed, coral or an anemone!
3. Use Glue Stick to attach fish to the plate, then glue eyes on top.



SUPPLIES

- Blue paper plates
- White beans
- Googly eyes
- Paper fish (draw your own, use stickers or an online template)
- Green pipe cleaners
- Glue (for beans, pipe cleaners, eyes)
- Glue stick (for fish)



That's it! A really simple, inexpensive way to add something to a preschool ocean unit or to just make on a rainy day.

From DirectorJewels.com

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Mission

To protect and promote the health, safety, and mental development of children cared for in children's centers and family child care homes in Pinellas County.

Vision

Every child has access to quality child care and education in an environment that values diversity.

Values

**Commitment
Integrity
Quality**

Staff Spotlight

DEBBIE HUNT



Licensing Specialist

S am originally from New York City and in 1970, my family moved to Florida. I attended High School here and then college at St. Petersburg College and the University of South Florida.

When I started my family, I opened a Family Child Care Home. Later, I went on to work as a teacher in several Child Care Centers in Pinellas County.

I have two children and two grandchildren, who I love spending time with.

I have worked at Child Care Licensing for 25 years, starting at JWB and then moving on to the Health Department.

I enjoy being a Licensing Specialist and visiting home providers and centers. I especially like seeing the dedication of child care professionals and how they nurture the children they teach.

I am responsible for protecting the health and safety of children and I work with a great team of women!

Debbie

