

## FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES SUMMER EDITION

Dear Family Child Care Home Providers,

I hope that 2022 finds you and your family safe, happy, and healthy. I know the last 2 years have been unprecedented for us as a way of life. I am hopeful as we continue into 2022, that things begin to return to some type of normalcy.

With summer upon us, the heat has increased. As you take the children outside, please remember to use sunscreen and keep them hydrated.

The following is a list of reminders that I hope you find helpful.

- **Home Closures** - Call the CCLP office when you plan to close your home, whether it's for a day, a week or longer, please notify us.
- **Clearinghouse Roster** – You need to keep your roster updated if you change or add a substitute, a new household member is over 18, a current household member turns 18 and gets fingerprinted, or if a household member moves out. If your roster is not up to date you will not get notifications as to when fingerprints are going to expire.
  - ◊ If you are having problems with your Clearinghouse account, call the Help Desk at 1-888-352-2849. You should log into your account every 3-4 months to keep the account active.
- **Substitutes** – If you have more than 1 substitute, please list the additional substitutes on your renewal application. Beginning with August renewals, we have included an extra page for any additional substitutes or employees.
- **If you are contracted with the Early Learning Coalition (ELC), your substitute must complete the Pre-Service training** before being approved by CCLP as a substitute for your home. The pre-service training can be completed by taking the DCF 30 clock hours or by taking the free classes offered by Early Learning Florida.
- **Delinquency Screenings:** If you submit a delinquency screening for a household member between the ages of 12-17, be sure to notify the CCLP office with the child's name, date of birth and when it was submitted. The results come directly to the CCLP office, but the above information is needed to pull up the screening results.
- **Overnight Care** – Reminder: In September 2021, the License Board voted to approve a fee of \$25.00 to add overnight care to your license. The regulation reads "Each family child care home will be charged \$25.00 to add overnight care to the license at any time other than at issuance of an initial license or at the time of renewal." Notify your Licensing Specialist if you wish to add overnight care. She will send you a change application and schedule an inspection of your Home to ensure you have the sleep spaces and that all regulations are in place for overnight care.

If you are providing evening care only, this regulation does not apply but you will need a schedule to show that proper routines are being followed.

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With the upcoming hurricane season, it is very important that you take a minute to ensure we have the best contact information for your 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 The Department of Children and Families (DCF) and The Division of Early Learning (DEL) 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 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 Florida 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.

PCLB is here to offer support, 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.

Licensing regulations state that fire drills must be conducted monthly using your approved fire alarm system. In addition, two evacuation drills are to be completed during your licensing year.

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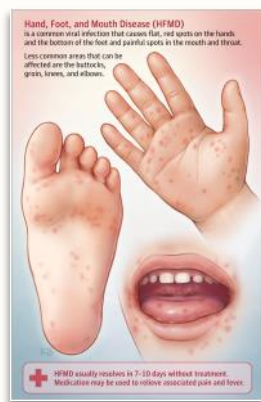


## Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County NEWS FROM EPIDEMIOLOGY

### Preventing Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease in Your Family Child Care Home

By Daniel Joyce, MPH, CPH

Hand, foot, and mouth disease (HFMD) is a very contagious disease caused by viruses that can result in fever, mouth sores, and skin rash found on the hands, mouth, and/or feet. The most common virus that causes HFMD is Coxsackievirus A16. HFMD is common in infants and children younger than five years old. Although you can get it at any time of the year, it is most common in the summer and fall months<sup>1</sup>. The illness is usually not serious but spreads quickly in schools and day-care settings.



HFMD is spread by having direct contact with viral particles from someone who is ill. HFMD is spread by contact with respiratory droplets after a sick person coughs or sneezes, close contact with an infected person, sharing of cups or utensils, coming into contact with an infected person's feces, or touching objects like toys or commonly used surfaces and then touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. HFMD infection can be prevented by:

- Washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Always wash your hands after using the bathroom or changing diapers, sneezing, coughing, and caring for someone who is ill. Children should also be helped and taught how to wash their hands appropriately.
- Cleaning and disinfecting commonly touched surfaces and shared items including toys and doorknobs.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoiding close contact such as kissing, hugging, and touching someone who has HFMD and staying home if you are sick<sup>2</sup>.

While there is no specific treatment for HFMD, most people get better on their own within seven to ten days. You can



also take steps to relieve symptoms for yourself or child if they are sick such as taking over-the-counter medications and staying hydrated. It is important to see a healthcare provider if your child is not drinking enough water to stay hydrated, symptoms have not improved after ten days, your child has a weakened immune system, symptoms are severe, or your child is very young, especially younger than six months<sup>3</sup>. Prevent HFMD in your Home by encouraging good hand hygiene, cleaning and sanitizing commonly touched surfaces and objects, and avoiding close contact with people you know are ill.



For more information on HFMD, please visit **CDC Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD)**.

#### References

<sup>1</sup>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Causes and Transmission <https://www.cdc.gov/hand-foot-mouth/about/transmission.html>

<sup>2</sup>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Prevent Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease <https://www.cdc.gov/hand-foot-mouth/about/prevention.html>

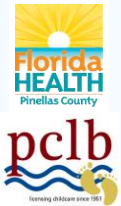
<sup>3</sup>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Treat Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease <https://www.cdc.gov/hand-foot-mouth/about/treatment.html>

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## BIBS Baby Bottles Recalled Due to Burn Hazard; Manufactured by BIBS Denmark ApS



BIBS Denmark ApS collect at 514-543-7505 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, by email at [care@bibsworld.com](mailto:care@bibsworld.com) or online at <https://bibsworld.com/pages/baby-bottle-information> or [www.bibsworld.com](http://www.bibsworld.com) and click on the recall announcement in the middle of the page for more information.

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## Amazon Recalls Amazon Basics School Classroom Stack Chairs (Recall Alert)



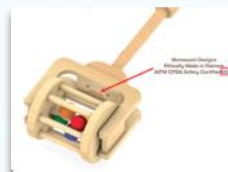
Amazon toll-free at 877-882-0606 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or online at [www.amazonstackchairrecall.expertinquiry.com](http://www.amazonstackchairrecall.expertinquiry.com).

## Winter Water Factory Recalls Infant French Terry Jumpsuits, Rompers, Snap Suits, Baby Dresses and Bibs Due to Choking and Laceration Hazard



Winter Water Factory by email at [safety@winterwaterfactory.com](mailto:safety@winterwaterfactory.com) or online at [www.winterwaterfactory.com/pages/recall](http://www.winterwaterfactory.com/pages/recall) or [www.winterwaterfactory.com](http://www.winterwaterfactory.com) and click on "Safety Recall" for more information, including images of all styles and prints of the recalled garments.

## Monti Kids Recalls Wooden Push Toys Due to Choking Hazard (Recall Alert)



Website: <http://www.montikids.com/recalls>

## The Red League Recalls Children's Pajamas Due to Burn Hazard



The Red League toll-free at 888-754-4030 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, by email at [redleaguewarehouse@gmail.com](mailto:redleaguewarehouse@gmail.com), online at <https://theredleague.com/pages/recall> or <https://theredleague.com/> and click on "RECALL INFORMATION" at the top of the page for more information.

## MerchSource Recalls FAO Schwarz Branded Toy Wood Play Smart Robot Buddy(s) and Wood Sensory Boards Due to Choking



MerchSource at 800-813-8762 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday, by email at [recall@merchsource.com](mailto:recall@merchsource.com) or online at [www.merchsource.com/recall](http://www.merchsource.com/recall) or [www.merchsource.com](http://www.merchsource.com) and click on the recall tab at the top right of the page 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/>



## The 100 Flower Project

We have sprung into spring at the R'Club Lew Williams Center for Early Learning with the 100 Flower Project. Every classroom was given a challenge to create 100 flowers. We needed to decorate our walls for the upcoming "All Kinds of Moms Muffin Day."

### What did the Director do?

Mail is often delivered to the classrooms. This is a helpful way of creating excitement in the classrooms and it helps keep a family feeling at the school. Keeping that tradition, a letter was written for each classroom asking the students to be part of the challenge.



### A few challenges

Every classroom is different. We have rooms with 18 students and rooms with 8. The older classrooms reached out to the younger classrooms if they needed help.

### Involving Families

Families were asked to help get to 100 by making flowers at home. As they came in, they were added to the count.

### What did teachers do?

Students voted if they wanted to take on the challenge.

Students brainstormed with teachers on what things they would need to make flowers.

Teachers added their ideas to the creative station so students could choose to work on the flowers at center time. Materials were added like,

- Coffee filters
- Tissue paper
- Flower stencils
- Water colors

Live flowers were also added to the station and placed by the easel.

### Counting

In our 3's classroom, students were given squares that were a specific color assigned to him/her.

As they created a flower, they added a square to the graph so they could count as they go.

Our 4's counted daily and added them together. When they made 96- they were challenged to make four more because  $96 + 4 = 100$ . This was a great way to use math. They made 24 more!



Our walls were decorated with 494 flowers. We could not end it there. The children and families were challenged to guess the number of flowers on the wall to earn a prize. What was the prize? A bouquet of flowers. Now it is time to have the students pick the flowers.



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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



### Karen Kironac

Senior Clerk, Homes

*"I have a passion for helping other people and I am always happy to assist when and how I can."*

I am new to Florida. Prior to moving here, I spent 5 years in northern California. Massachusetts is my birthplace but I lived in Colorado most of life.

My entire career has been in the administrative area, be it as an Office Manager, Senior Administrative Assistant or Senior Clerk.

My home life consists of two teenage girls, a husband, four birds, two dogs, two hamsters, two snails and a fish. Yes, it's a small zoo and I am the zookeeper.

When I do get free time, my husband and I ride with *Bikers Against Child Abuse*, B.A.C.A. We have spent the last 8 years helping to empower abused children to not be afraid of the world in which they live.

On my bucket list of things I wish to do are visit Giraffe Manor in Africa because giraffes are my absolute favorite animal. Then, seeing the Northern Lights in Iceland, an Alaskan Cruise and making it to The Maldives.

I have a passion for helping other people and I am always happy to assist when and how I can.

I am very excited to be joining Child Care Licensing, and I look forward to getting to know everyone.

**Karen**

