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BACKGROUND SCREENING: WHAT DOES RETAINED PRINTS EXPIRATION DATE REALLY MEAN?

There are 2 dates on your clearance letter for background screening that you need to track:

1. Eligibility Determination Date – Per licensing regulations that screening date is good for 5 years.
2. Retained Prints Expiration Date – That date means that your fingerprints will only be retained in the Clearinghouse until that expiration date. As of that date your fingerprints will no longer be retained in the Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse only maintains your fingerprints for 5 years.

If your roster is updated, you will receive notification by email when fingerprints are getting ready to expire in the Clearinghouse. The notices will begin 90 days prior to expiration.

This means that as of the retention date, the fingerprints will no longer be in the Clearinghouse for you or any household member, substitute or employee. The person will have to be re-fingerprinted paying the full price at the vendors. Please be sure that you are tracking the retention date so that you can do a resubmission and pay a lower cost (approximately \$42.00).

If you, a household member, substitute or employee worked in the health care field and was fingerprinted for that job, the retention date is based on when they were fingerprinted for that job.

So, please look closely at your clearance letter and the Retained Prints Expiration Date.



NEVER ACCEPT A SLEEPING BABY INTO CARE!
When a child arrives at your home for care asleep, you need to wake the child up and be sure that the child is alert and responsive before the parent leaves.

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We Are Here for You!

Recently, someone asked why our office hours are from 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. when child care is not limited to these hours. Well, it is true in that our actual office is open during these hours, but these are not the only hours we are conducting inspections, taking phone calls and regulating the health and safety of the children of Pinellas County. Our inspectors do conduct early morning, evening and sometimes weekend inspections when appropriate. Anytime your program is open, you are also open for inspection.

In the event you would like to schedule a future date and time for someone to call you after hours, please call our office and we will set an appointment for a call time that is convenient for you.

If you find yourself needing to reach us after our business hours, please call our office at 727-507-4807 and leave a message for a return call the following business day. If your call cannot wait until the next business day, please call 727-262-0247 to leave a message for someone to return your call and you will be called back immediately upon receipt of the message.

If you need to call PCLB to self-report an incident, please do not leave a message in your Licensing Specialist's voicemail since they may not receive the message right away. Please call our office directly at 727-507-4857 and speak to someone on staff.



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Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease

by Becky Bohinc, MPH, CPH

Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (HFMD) is a mild, very contagious, viral illness often seen among children under five years of age. People can be exposed to the viruses that cause HFMD through multiple routes, which allows the illness to spread quickly in childcare facilities. Learning about the disease and how to stop it from spreading are key to protecting others.

• Signs and Symptoms:

Symptoms generally appear 3 to 6 days after a person is exposed. Symptoms begin with a fever, sore throat, malaise, and/or poor appetite. After 1 to 2 days, red sores or blisters can appear on the mouth, hands, soles of the feet, knees, elbows, buttocks, or genital area. Although more common in children, adults can become infected as well and should monitor themselves for symptoms.



• How is it spread?

HFMD is caused by viruses that belong to the Enterovirus family and Coxsackievirus A16 is the most common cause in the United States. When someone is infected, these viruses can be found in nose and throat secretions, such as drool and nasal mucus, blister fluid or stool. The virus can be spread through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Exposures may occur through close contact such as kissing, hugging, or sharing eating utensils or cups of an infected person. The virus can also be transferred on surfaces, including doorknobs and toys.

• What to do if you if you are sick?

Those infected with HFMD are most contagious during the first week of illness. It is important to stay home and not attend school, work, or other group activities. Follow up with a healthcare provider as needed. Providers can often diagnosis the illness by considering the age, symptoms, and appearance of the rash. Most individuals recover within 7 to 10 days.



Report to the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas):

Contact the Epidemiology Program at **727-824-6932** to report outbreaks of HFMD in a group setting.

Additional Resources:

<http://www.cdc.gov/hand-foot-mouth/index.html>

It only takes a few steps to help stop the illness from spreading to others:

• Wash your hands:

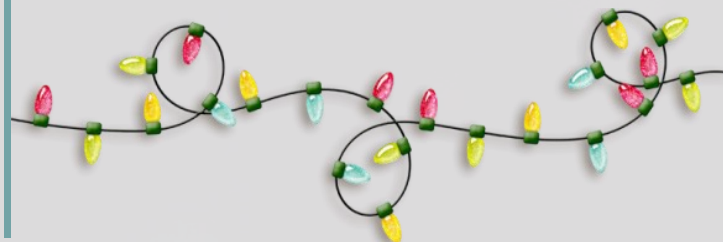
Adults and children should wash their hands thoroughly throughout the day. Wash hands after using the bathroom, after changing diapers, after blowing your nose, or coughing or sneezing, and before and after caring for someone who is sick. Try to avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Avoid touching the blisters or scabs and keep those areas covered.

• Clean and disinfect:

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as toys, doorknobs, tables, and eating utensils.

• Notify and monitor:

Notify individuals who were exposed to an infected person.



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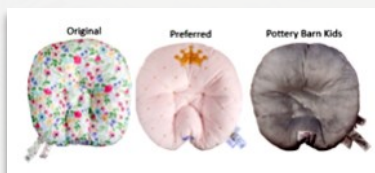
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The Boppy Company Recalls Over 3 Million Original Newborn Loungers, Boppy Preferred Newborn Loungers and Pottery Barn Kids Boppy Newborn Loungers After 8 Infant Deaths; Suffocation Risk



The Boppy Company toll-free at 800-416-1355 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday or online at www.boppy.com and click "Recall & Safety Alert" for more information.



PRODUCT RECALL

ABUS Recalls Youth Helmets Due to Risk of Head Injury



Sedgwick toll-free at 877-643-8415 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday, or email at abus8077@sedgwick.com or online at <https://mobil.abus.com/usa> scroll down and click "Read More" on the main page or at: <https://mobil.abus.com/usa/on-road/Bike-helmets/>

Hanna Andersson Recalls Baby Ruf-

Hanna Andersson Customer Care Center at 800-222-0544 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. PT, daily email at help@hannaandersson.com or online at www.hannaandersson.com and click "Product Recall" at the bottom of the



Hanna Andersson Recalls Baby Long Sleeve Wiggle Sets Due to Choking Hazard



Hanna Andersson Customer Care Center at 800-222-0544 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. PT, daily email at help@hannaandersson.com or online at www.hannaandersson.com and click "Product Recall" at the bottom of the page or at: www.hannaandersson.com/

Backyard Play Systems Recalls Playsets with Wooden Roof Due to Entrapment Hazard



Backyard Play Systems toll-free at 866-890-2211 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, email at customerservice@backyard-play.com, online at www.backyardproducts.com and click on Safety for more information, or www.backyardproducts.com/safety.



Magnussen Home Recalls Nova Series 5-Drawer Chests Due to Tip-Over and Entrapment Hazards

Magnussen Home toll-free at 1-833-748-0210 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, email at recall@magnussen.com, or online at <https://www.magnussen.com/Recall> or www.magnussen.com and click on "Safety Recall" at the top of the page for more information.

Joovy Recalls Zoom 360 Ultralight Jogging Strollers Due to Fall Hazard

Joovy at 800-495-8718 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, email at zoom360@joovy.com online at www.joovy.com and click on "Voluntary Recall of Zoom 360 Ultralight 806X Front Fork Bearing mfg. between March 2020-October 2020" for more information.



Step2® Recalls StepUp Sidekick Learning Towers™ Due to Fall Hazard

Step 2 at 800-347-8372 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or online at www.step2.com and click on Product Recalls at the bottom of the page for more information. Step2 is notifying all known customers directly.



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.

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Creative Corner

Fun, educational activities kids LOVE

“ I think wintertime inspires the best crafts! There are so many holidays to choose from and the weather helps to create endless opportunities to make wonderful memories with our younger children.”

Lynn Gibson, Large Family Child Care Home Provider

Parents love keepsakes, so during the gift-giving times, it's easy to get lost in places like Pinterest that offer so many different ideas.

Infant feet make "Mistle Toes"



CHRISTMAS TREES ARE FUN TO MAKE.



SANTA Sticky Wall

Sticky Walls (contact paper) activities of holiday trees and Santa are fun to do too.



One of my favorite books for winter is "The Mitten."

There are lots of crafts made for this story and it teaches the children how to retell the silly story of how many animals can fit in a mitten.



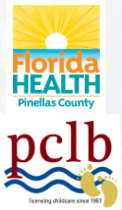
**...So, turn on the holiday tunes and start getting creative this season.
You can make your child care business a Winter Wonderland!**

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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



The best thing about working at Child Care Licensing is the fact that it's never ever boring and I may very well have the most varied job on the planet. My coworkers are very helpful and really support each other, so I am grateful to have worked with them for almost five years now.

I worked for state government in Tallahassee for many years as an Administrative Assistant and later, a Graphic Designer. Graphic design is what I did for the majority of my career and is my true love.

I was born in Brooklyn, New York. When I was only 7, we moved to Puerto Rico. Eight years later, we moved to Mexico City. My final move was to Florida as an adult, where I have lived ever since. Having lived in Latin America, I am fluent in Spanish which is really handy at the office.

Yo hablo español.

I have two adult children, David and Carly, and two grandchildren, Dom and Gigi, who are 11 and 8. David has worked in radio most of his career and Carly works for an engineering company. I am convinced my grandson Dom will be a game show host when he grows up. He is the truly most social

Lisa Zacharia Administrative Secretary

child I've ever known. Gigi has lots of interests, loves hats and is a good reader.

I come from a family of redheads. Both parents were redheads and all four sisters are redheads. My significant other is a guy named Gary, who I've been with for ten years. He is really funny and likes to have a good time. We both love the blues and go listen to live music pretty often.

For fun I really enjoy taking care of my plants and cooking. Growing herbs is really fulfilling because I can go outside and snip some Thai basil or Cuban oregano to add to the night's dinner.

I see my family just about every weekend and there is sure to be a good meal made by one of us. We are a lively bunch that love to eat, laugh and listen to Latin music.

Honeymoon Island is really close to home and I do love to watch the sunset because they are so beautiful in this part of Florida.

