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§47.01 Definitions.

(a) *Abuse* means any act or failure to act, performed intentionally, knowingly or recklessly, which causes or is likely to cause harm to a child, including, but not limited to:

(1) inappropriate use of a physical restraint, isolation, medication or other means that harms or is likely to harm a child; and

(2) an unlawful act, a threat or menacing conduct directed toward a child that results and/or might be expected to result in fear or emotional or mental distress to a child.

(b) *Assistant teacher* means a person who is part of the teaching staff and works under the supervision of an education director or group teacher.

(c) *Certified group teacher* means an individual who qualifies as a group teacher pursuant to Section 47.13(d)(1) of this Code.

(d) *Child care program*.

(1) Child care program means any program providing child care for five or more hours per week, for more than 30 days in a 12-month period, to three or more children under six years of age.

(2) Child care program does not mean:

(A) Any State-regulated informal child care program, a group family or family day care home, or school age child care program, or a foster care program;

(B) A kindergarten or pre-kindergarten class operated as part of or located within any elementary school; except that school programs that provide care to children younger than three years of age shall be deemed child care programs subject to this Code. "Operated as part of an elementary school" means that there is identical ownership, operation, management and control of kindergarten or pre-kindergarten classes and elementary school classes.

(C) "Mommy and me" or equivalent programs where each child is accompanied by a parent or another adult escorting the child, who is not employed by the child care program; or

(D) Children's camps operating seasonally at any time between June and September that are required to have a permit, pursuant to Article 48 of this Code; or

(E) Adult physical fitness, spa or other recreational facilities, or retail establishments, or other businesses providing supervision for children of patrons or employees of the facility, establishment or business while parents are on the premises, unless children are registered or enrolled and individual children are spending more than eight hours/week in the Program.

(F) Churches or religious organizations where congregants' children are supervised by employees or members of the congregation while parents attend services.

(e) *Competent supervision* includes awareness of and responsibility for the ongoing activity of each child, performed via direct observation and not by mechanical, audio, or video device. It requires that all children be within a caregiver's line of sight and that the caregiver be near enough to respond when redirection or intervention strategies are needed. Competent supervision takes into account the child's age, emotional, physical, and cognitive development, and must be provided by qualified and cleared staff and in compliance with the minimum staff/child ratios required by Section 47.23(f) of this Article.

(e-1) Core operating hours means the time during a child care program's daily schedule designated for activities, experiences and routines structured to promote physical, intellectual, and emotional learning, and excludes the time designated for dropping off and picking up children.

(f) *Corporal punishment* means punishment inflicted by program staff, or any other individual working for or at a program, directly on the body of a child, including, but not limited to,

physical restraint, spanking, biting, shaking, slapping, twisting or squeezing; demanding excessive physical exercise, prolonged lack of movement or motion, or strenuous or bizarre postures; and compelling a child to eat or have in the child's mouth soap, foods, hot spices or irritants or the like.

(g) *Corrective action plan* means a written safety assessment required to be prepared, pursuant to Section 47.21 of this Code, that shall be submitted to and approved by the Department when a permittee hires, plans to hire, or plans to utilize the services of, certain persons, or in such circumstances as are specified in this Article, or as may otherwise be required by the Department to show that a particular person at, or the continuing operation of, a child care program shall not pose a danger to children.

(h) *Early childhood education* means education of children under the age of eight.

(i) *Education director* means a person whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to, coordination and development of an age and developmentally appropriate curriculum and program, training of teaching and other staff, and supervision of group teachers.

(i-1) *Education director designee* means a person designated by a child care program to temporarily cover for the child care program's education director pursuant to the conditions set forth in section 47.13(c)(1).

(j) *Facility* means interiors and exteriors of buildings, structures and areas of premises under the control of a permittee where services are provided and that are subject to the permit.

(k) *Family shelter-based drop-off child supervision program* means any program provided by any family shelter operated by, or through contracts with, the Department of Homeless Services, the Human Resources Administration, or a successor agency, under Title 18 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations, that provides child supervision services to children under six years old housed in the shelter.

(l) *Fill and draw pool* means a pool that is not equipped with a recirculation system, but is cleaned by complete removal and disposal of used water and replacement with water at periodic intervals.

(m) *Group size* means the maximum number of children that may be cared for as a unit. Group size shall be used to determine the minimum staff/child ratio based upon the age of the children in the group.

(n) *Group teacher* means a person who, under the supervision of an education director, is responsible for planning and supervising age and developmentally appropriate activities for a given group of children.

(o) *Health care provider* means a New York State licensed physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner or registered nurse, as defined in the State Education Law.

(p) *Imminent or public health hazard* means any violation, combination of violations, conditions or combination of conditions occurring in a facility making it probable that illness, physical injury or death could occur or the continued operation of the program could result in injury or be otherwise detrimental to the health and safety of a child. Any of the following are imminent or public health hazards which require the Commissioner or designee to order its immediate correction or to order the permittee to cease operations immediately and institute such corrective action as may be required by the Department or provided by this Code. Imminent or public health hazards include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Failure to maintain constant and competent supervision of children;
- (2) Use of corporal punishments or of frightening or humiliating methods of behavior management;

(3) Failure to immediately report instances of alleged child abuse, maltreatment, or neglect to the Department and the Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment and to take appropriate corrective action to protect children when allegations of such abuse or maltreatment have been reported to or observed by the permittee;

(4) Refusal or failure to provide access to the facility to an authorized employee or agent of the Department;

(5) Uncontained sewage in any part of the facility;

(6) Transporting children in the bed of a truck or trailer or in any other part of any motor vehicle that is not designed for passenger occupancy; or transporting children without adequate supervision; or failing to use appropriate child restraints in vehicles;

(7) Failure to provide two approved means of egress or obstructing any means of egress or a required fire exit;

(8) Failure to properly store flammable liquids or other toxic substances;

(9) Failure to maintain firefighting or fire detection equipment in working order;

(10) Allowing pillows to be used for children younger than two years of age who are not disabled or when not recommended by a health care provider.

(11) Contamination of the potable water supply by cross connection or other faults in the water distribution or plumbing systems;

(12) Serving food to children from an unknown or unapproved source; serving food that is adulterated, contaminated or otherwise unfit for human consumption, or re-serving food that was previously served;

(13) Failing to exclude from work at the program a person with a communicable disease who is required to be excluded, pursuant to Article 11 of this Code;

(14) Failure to implement the program's written safety plan resulting in a child not being protected from any unreasonable risk to his or her safety;

(15) Conducting construction, demolition, painting, scraping, or any repairs other than emergency repairs while children are present in the facility; failing to remove children from areas and rooms while such activities are in progress;

(16) Failure to screen any person who has, or will have the potential for, unsupervised contact with children in accordance with Section 47.19 of this Code; or

(17) Any other condition(s), violations, or combination of conditions or violations, deemed to be an imminent health hazard by the Commissioner or his or her designee.

(q) *Infant* means a child younger than 12 months of age.

(r) *Infant/toddler child care program* means a child care program that, during all or part of the day or night, provides care to children who attend such program prior to reaching two years of age and who are not older than three years of age.

(s) *Night child care program* means a child care program, as defined in this section, that accepts children for care starting at 5 P.M., provides child care services between 5 P.M. and 8 A.M., and operates more than one night per week, for more than 30 days in a 12-month period.

(t) *Parent* means a natural or adoptive parent, guardian or other person lawfully charged with a minor child's care or custody.

(u) *Permittee* means a person, organization or other entity that has been issued a permit to operate a program, pursuant to this Article.

(u-1) *Preschool child care program* means a child care program that, during all or part of the day or night, provides care to children between the ages of two through five years of age.

(v) *Program* means any child care program or family shelter-based drop-off child supervision program.

(w) *Semester hour* means a credit, point, or other unit granted for the satisfactory completion of a college or university course which requires at least 15 clock hours (of 50 minutes each) of instruction and at least 30 hours of supplementary assignments, as defined in 8 NYCRR §50.1. This basic measure shall be adjusted proportionately to translate the value of other academic calendars and formats of study in relation to the credits granted for study during the two semesters that comprise an academic year.

(x) *Serious injury* means a serious impairment of physical condition, including, but not limited to, the following: loss of consciousness; concussion; bone fracture; protracted loss or impairment of function of any bodily member or organ; a wound requiring extensive suturing; and serious disfigurement.

(y) *Services* means any child care or child supervision provided by a child care program or family shelter-based drop-off child supervision program.

(z) *Shelter child supervision liaison* means a person who is employed in a family shelter-based drop-off child supervision program and whose responsibilities shall include but not be limited to: referring families to child care programs, the Early Intervention Program, and Committees on Preschool Special Education; helping families apply for child care services; arranging in-service training of all staff as required by this Article; and keeping a daily log, to be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request, reflecting the number of families admitted to the shelter, the number of children under the age of six admitted to the shelter, the number of children referred to licensed child care programs, and the number of enrollments of referred children in licensed child care programs.

(aa) *Shelter child supervision staff* means shelter child supervision liaisons and child supervisors.

(bb) *Shelter child supervisor* means a person who, under the supervision of a shelter child supervision liaison, is responsible for the supervision of children at a family shelter-based drop-off child supervision program.

(cc) *Spa pool, "hydrotherapy pool," "whirlpool," "hot spa," or "hot tub"* means a pool primarily designed for therapeutic use or relaxation that is generally not drained, cleaned or refilled for individual use. It may include, but is not limited to, hydrojet circulation, hot water, cold water, mineral bath, air induction, bubbles or any combination thereof. Spa pools shall have a maximum water depth of 4 feet at any point and may be equipped with aquatic seats within the perimeter of the pool. Spa pools shall not be used for swimming, wading or diving activities at any facility regulated by this Article.

(dd) *Staff/child ratio* means the minimum number of teaching staff required to be present to care for a given number of children in a child care program, or the minimum number of shelter child supervisors required to supervise a given number of children in a family shelter-based drop-off child supervision program.

(ee) *Teacher aide* means an individual at least 18 years of age who is part of the teaching staff and works under the supervision of an education director, group teacher, or assistant teacher.

(ff) *Teaching staff* means a child care program's education director, group teachers, assistant teachers, and teacher aides.

(gg) *Toddler* means a child between 12 and 24 months of age.

(hh) *Volunteer* means a person who donates any services to a program regulated by this Article.

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§47.03 Permit required.

(a) *Permit required.* No person shall operate a program as defined in this Article without a permit issued by the Commissioner, provided, however, that a pre-kindergarten or kindergarten that is part of or located in and operated by an elementary school voluntarily apply for and hold a permit as a child care program. Child care program permits issued before the effective date of this Article will be deemed to be child care program permits.

(b) *Term of permit.* The term of a permit shall be determined by the Department, but in no case shall exceed two (2) years.

(c) *Permits not transferable.* A permit shall be issued to a person, as defined in 24 RCNY §1.03, to conduct a program at a specific facility and location. Permits shall specify the number of children that may be cared for in each type of program operated at the facility by the permittee. Permits shall not be transferable or assignable by a permittee to any other person or entity; and shall not be applicable to any other facility or location. Separate permits shall be required for child care programs providing infant/toddler child care, those providing care for children aged two through five, and night child care programs. Any change in building address or location, capacity or permittee not authorized or approved by the Department shall void a permit, and may result in the closure of the program.

(d) *Inspections.* Permittees will allow credentialed Department staff to visit the program while in operation and inspect the documents that are required by this Article to be kept on the premises and provided upon request. Such inspections will occur at least once per year.

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§ 47.05 Program capacity and limitation on hours per child.

(a) *Maximum number of children on premises.* Each permit shall specify the maximum number of children to be allowed on the premises of each specific type of program at any time that the program is in operation. The total number of children on the premises of the program shall be included for this purpose, regardless of whether such children are enrolled in the program. The Department shall determine the maximum number of children allowed based upon the number of children for which adequate facilities and teaching staff or shelter child supervision staff are provided, in accordance with:

- (1) the supervision and space requirements of this Code; and
- (2) the maximum number of persons permitted by the certificate of occupancy issued by the New York City Department of Buildings (DOB) or, if applicable, another government entity with the authority to issue a certificate of occupancy to the facility.

(b) *Capacity not to be exceeded.* A program shall not have children in attendance in excess of the number(s) prescribed in its permit.

(c) *Limitation on hours per child.* Family shelter-based drop-off child supervision programs must provide no more than 20 hours of services in any week to any child who has resided in the shelter for more than 90 days.

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§ 47.07 Permit: required approvals and clearances.

No permit shall be issued unless the permit applicant has obtained and submitted to the Department:

(a) *Certificate of occupancy.* A Certificate of occupancy, or a statement of approval that the premises comply with all applicable building laws and codes and may be used as a child care or child supervision facility, issued by DOB or, if applicable, another government entity with the authority to issue a certificate of occupancy to the facility. Where a certificate of occupancy is not required by law, the permit applicant shall submit a current inspection report issued by DOB or, if applicable, an appropriate state or federal government entity certifying that there are no outstanding uncorrected violations of the applicable building code(s). Such documentation shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(b) *Fire safety statement.* A statement or report from the New York City Fire Department (FDNY) or, if applicable, the appropriate state or federal government entity, that the premises have been inspected and currently comply with all applicable laws and regulations pertaining to fire control and prevention. A permit shall not be issued or renewed, unless a statement or report is submitted demonstrating compliance with such laws, based upon FDNY's or, if applicable, the appropriate state or federal government entity's, determination on an inspection made within 12 months of the date of submitting the permit renewal application. Such documentation shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(c) *Criminal justice and child abuse screening.* Documentation satisfactory to the Department that the permit applicant has submitted all necessary forms and requests for all persons requiring criminal justice and Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR) screening in accordance with Section 47.19 of this Article. Such documentation must be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

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§ 47.09 Applications for permits.

A person or entity that has never held a permit issued by the Commissioner to operate a program and that proposes to operate such a program subject to such permit, shall attend a pre-permit orientation session held by the Department and shall thereafter submit an application for a permit to the Department.

(a) *New application.* An application for a new permit shall be submitted on forms approved or provided by the Department and shall include, but not be limited to the following:

(1) Facility pre-permit technical plan. Each plan, consisting of blueprints, architectural or engineering drawings, shall be drawn to scale, and labeled to show floor layout, all indoor rooms and outdoor areas to be occupied or used by the program, dimensions of such rooms and areas, and intended use of each area; outdoor spaces location in relation to actual distance and location from indoor spaces; and all toilets, sinks and kitchen(s) to be used by children and staff.

(2) A copy of a current certificate of occupancy issued by DOB or, if applicable, the other government entity with the authority to issue a certificate of occupancy to the facility, or, if no certificate of occupancy is required by applicable law, a statement from DOB or the appropriate state or federal government entity that the premises and facility to be used for child care or child supervision comply with all applicable building laws and codes.

(3) A report of an inspection or a statement issued by FDNY or, if applicable, the appropriate state or federal government entity, finding that the premises comply with all laws and regulations pertaining to fire prevention and control in a program.

(4) Written safety plan required by this Code.

(5) Proof that teaching staff or shelter child supervision staff credentials required by this Code have been submitted for review to and have been verified by an agent designated by the Department; and that the permit applicant has documentation of all required health examinations, immunizations, and that at least one staff member has the pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and pediatric first aid certification required by Section 47.37(b)(3)(A)(ii)(aa)(I) of this Code.

(6) Permit fee set forth in Article 5 of this Code.

(7) Proof of workers' compensation and disability benefits insurance covering all employees.

(8) Proof of the program's ability to receive electronic communications. Email addresses shall be provided for the permittee, the education director or the shelter child supervision liaison, and for one or more other persons designated by the permittee or other person in control of a program as persons to receive electronic communications from the Department. The Department shall be notified of changes in email addresses for the permittee, the program, the education director, the shelter child care liaison, and other designees when such changes become effective.

(9) Names, including aliases, and other identifying and contact information for all individual owners, managers, or other persons with a controlling interest in the program, officers, directors and board members of a permittee corporation, members of an LLC, partners, education directors, shelter child supervision liaisons, executive and administrative director, if any. Identifying information must include the New York State Identification or NYSID number assigned to these individuals when they were fingerprinted by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, in accordance with Section 47.19 of this Code.

(b) *Notifications of deaths, serious injuries and civil and criminal actions.* Permittees and applicants for new permits shall submit, on forms provided by the Department, such information as may be required by the Department concerning all staff misdemeanor or felony arrests, deaths or serious injuries of children that have occurred, or are alleged to have occurred while such children were in the care of the applicant or permittee, or in the care of any owner, director, employee, or volunteer of the applicant or permittee, or while in the care of any agent of the permittee or applicant; and shall identify, in such detail as may be required by the Department, any related civil or criminal action already adjudicated or currently pending in any jurisdiction related to such serious injuries, deaths, or felony or misdemeanor arrests.

(c) *Renewal application.* An application for renewal of a permit shall be submitted on forms provided by the Department no later than 60 days before the expiration date of the current permit, and shall include the permit fee; a full description of any changes in teaching staff, written safety plan, written health plan, email communication information, physical facilities, required staff training or program which occurred after submission of the previous permit application; and specification of any existing modifications of provisions of this Article that the permittee is requesting to be renewed in connection with the new permit.

(d) *Pre-renewal inspection.* A renewal permit shall not be issued unless the Department has conducted an inspection of the program while it is in operation and has found the program to be in substantial compliance with this Code and other applicable law.

(e) *Renovations and modifications.* A permittee shall submit for approval to the Department a request for modification of an existing permit prior to undertaking renovations affecting the size, configuration, or location of rooms or areas used by children.

(f) *Applications to be complete.* No permit shall be issued until the Department has received and has approved all documentation, records, reports, or other information required by this

Article or by Section 5.05 of this Code. The Commissioner may reject any incomplete application for a new or renewal permit and order an existing program closed and its permit suspended or revoked if the permit application contains misleading information, or information is omitted.

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§ 47.11 Written safety plan.

(a) *Safety plan required.* Every current permittee and every applicant for a new permit shall develop, review annually and update, in accordance with changed circumstances, conditions or activities, or as required by the Department, a written safety plan. The written safety plan shall be approved by the Department if it includes all the information required in this Article. Upon permit renewal, if no changed circumstances require changes to a previously approved written safety plan, the permittee shall state in writing that no changes were needed or made to the plan. The safety plan shall be implemented by the permittee, provided to parents on request, kept in an accessible location at the facility. The program must provide all staff and volunteers with copies of the safety plan and training in implementing the policies and procedures of the plan. This training shall include, but not be limited to, training and drills in medical and other critical and emergency response procedures, including evacuation of the premises. Documentation showing that staff received copies of the plan and training and drills in implementing its provisions must be maintained on site by the permittee and made available to the Department upon request while staff remain employed at the program.

(b) *Scope and content.* The written safety plan shall establish policies and procedures for safe operation, including a child care program's core operating hours; the name of the education director designee for a child care program, if applicable; teaching and other staff duties; facility operation and maintenance, fire safety, general and activity-specific safety, and emergency management; staff and child health and medical requirements; staff training; and parent/child orientation. The written safety plan shall consist of, at a minimum, a table of contents and the following components:

(1) *Staff:* organizational chart and job descriptions.

(2) *Program operation and maintenance:* schedules and designated staff for facility inspection, cleaning and maintenance, and schedule for boiler/furnace and HVAC system maintenance, maintenance of adequate water pressure, protection of the potable water supply from submerged inlets and cross-connections in the plumbing system, schedule for the annual lead paint survey, inspection of window guards, indoor and outdoor equipment inspection and replacement schedule, evaluation of injury prevention procedures, equipment and structures, identification of procedures for transportation vehicle maintenance, food protection procedures during receipt, storage and preparation, identity of individuals certified in food protection, schedule for sanitization procedures of food prep areas, and identification of approved food sources.

(3) *Fire safety:* evacuation of buildings and property, assembly, supervision, and accounting for children and staff; fire prevention; coordination with local fire officials; fire alarm and detection systems and their operation, maintenance, and routine testing; type, location and maintenance of fire extinguishers; inspection and maintenance of exits; required fire drills and log; electrical safety; and reporting to the Department within 24 hours any fire of which the FDNY or other appropriate state or federal government entity is notified, or that damages any facilities, is threatening to life or health.

(4) *Health care plan:*

(A) a statement of policies and procedures specifying how the health and medical requirements of this Code shall be implemented, including but not limited to the following topics:

- (i) individual children's restrictions on activities, needs for medication administration, and other special needs, if any;
- (ii) initial health screenings and required immunizations for children and staff, and collection of related documentation prior to enrollment of a child or hire of a staff member;
- (iii) daily health surveillance of children;
- (iv) provision of basic pediatric first aid, and handling and reporting medical emergencies and outbreaks;
- (v) storage of the required epinephrine auto-injectors as directed by the manufacturer, including their storage location, which must be readily accessible to trained staff but not accessible to children; procedures for inspection of the epinephrine auto-injectors to determine whether the storage location continues to be in compliance with the requirements specified by the manufacturer, and whether the auto-injectors have reached their expiration dates, and procedures for replacement when necessary; and procedures for use of the epinephrine auto-injectors. The name and title of the individual responsible for the epinephrine auto-injectors' inspection and maintenance must be included in the plan and kept current;
- (vi) response to allegations of child abuse;
- (vii) medical, nursing, and emergency medical services addressing special individual needs;
- (viii) names, qualifications, and duties of staff certified in pediatric first aid and pediatric CPR;
- (ix) separation facilities, supervision, and procedures for caring for ill children until a parent, guardian, or other care giver arrives;
- (x) storage of medications;
- (xi) location and use of first aid and CPR supplies;
- (xii) maintenance of a medical log, to be kept on site and provided to the Department upon request;
- (xiii) universal precautions for blood borne pathogens;
- (xiv) reporting of child and staff illness and injuries; and
- (xv) sanitary practices.

(B) If the permittee has a medication administration policy, the permittee shall immediately notify the Department of any changes in designated exempt or certified staff.

(5) *Corrective action plans:* actions to be taken to protect children on receipt of reports of alleged and confirmed teaching and other staff criminal justice or child abuse histories.

(6) *General and activity specific safety and security:* procedures for establishing and maintaining accountability for children and child supervision during all on and off-site activities; maintaining records of staff schedules and assignments, addressing at a minimum:

(A) Observing and recording children's daily attendance and the times children enter and leave the program, in accordance with Section 47.27(a) of this Code;

(B) Recreational and trip supervision and staffing for specific outdoor and off-site activities in accordance with Section 47.57 of this Code;

- (C) Sleep and rest period supervision;
- (D) Bathroom use supervision;
- (E) Transportation supervision in accordance with Section 47.65 of this Code;
- (F) Procedures for and staff assigned to (i) securing the facility from unauthorized entry and preventing children from leaving the facility unless they are escorted by authorized adults; (ii) observing and monitoring all entrances and exits at all times children are on premises; and (iii) periodic observation and monitoring of stairs, hallways, bathrooms and unoccupied spaces during program operation.

(7) *Infant sleep safety*: practices and policies that establish a safe sleeping environment, promote an infant's comfort and well-being and reduce the risk of suffocation or death occurring while infants are in cribs or asleep. Such practices and policies must be based on current recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Public Health Association, and the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education, *Caring for our children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards; Guidelines for Early Care and Education Programs*, 3rd edition, 2011, or successor recommendations. The plan must include procedures for actively observing and evaluating infants for overheating, breathing status, and other signs of physical or medical distress that may require intervention, at intervals not to exceed 15 minutes. A log, on forms provided or approved by the Department, must be maintained. The log for the immediately prior 14 days must be kept on site for two weeks after observations take place, and must be made available to the Department upon request. Forms with entries indicating problems observed in an individual infant shall be kept in the child's medical record while the child remains enrolled in the program. The use of infant movement monitors or infant apnea monitors does not relieve the program of the responsibility to conduct and note required observations.

(8) *Staff training*: new employee orientation; training curricula, including how staff will be trained in the provisions of the written safety plan and be made aware of its contents of and any changes to the safety plan; procedures for child supervision, infant sleep safety; behavior management; child abuse recognition and reporting; prevention of shaken baby syndrome; prevention of and response to emergencies related to food or allergic reaction; prevention and control of infectious diseases (including immunization), provision of first aid and emergency medical assistance, including but not limited to cardiopulmonary resuscitation and response to emergencies related to food or allergic reaction, including but not limited to use of an epinephrine auto-injector; reporting of child injury and illness; managing and reporting incidents where children are lost to supervision; fire safety and fire drills; child and staff evacuation procedures; activity specific training for assigned activities; handling and storage of hazardous materials and appropriate disposal of biochemicals; and process to document attendance at staff training.

(9) *Emergency evacuation*: age-specific plans for removal of children from the premises for each shift and program where care is provided. Primary emphasis shall be placed on the immediate evacuation of children in premises which are not fireproof. Emergency evacuation procedures, implementing recommendations of FDNY or, if applicable, the appropriate state or federal government entity, shall be posted in conspicuous places throughout the facility. The emergency evacuation plan shall include the following:

- (A) How children and staff will be made aware of the emergency;
- (B) Primary and secondary routes of egress;

(C) Methods of evacuation, including where children and staff will meet after evacuating the building, and how attendance will be taken;

(D) Roles of the staff and chain of command;

(E) Notification of authorities and the children's parents.

(10) *Parent/child orientation*: orientation curriculum outline; tour of premises; reporting and management of illnesses, injuries and other incidents; evacuation plan; lost child plan; lightning plan; fire safety and fire drills; evacuation procedures; activity specific training for assigned activities; trips (if provided).

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§ 47.13 Teaching staff qualifications and coverage in child care programs.

(a) *Accreditation*. In determining teaching staff qualifications, the Department may accept documentation from schools, colleges and universities approved by the State Education Department or other teacher accreditation organizations acceptable to the Department certifying that such persons have met the specific Code requirements. All documents pertaining to teaching staff qualifications must be submitted for review to an agency designated by the Department. All foreign language documents pertaining to teaching staff qualifications shall be accompanied by an English language translation of such documents performed by a translator on the list of foreign language evaluation services maintained by the Department of Citywide Administrative Services.

(b) *Pending certifications*. A permittee may temporarily employ an education director or group teacher whose application for certification is fully submitted and pending certification by the State Education Department or other accreditation organization or whose study plan for obtaining certification is fully submitted and pending approval by the Department, provided that the permittee has complied with criminal justice and Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (SCR) screening requirements for staff set forth in this Article. No individual qualifying as an education director under this subsection may serve in that capacity with a pending certification for a total of more than 6 months. All relevant documentation must be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(c) *Education director, coverage, duties, qualification, hours*. Every child care program must have an education director who is qualified pursuant to the requirements of this section and screened in accordance with section 47.19 and is on site for no less than 8 hours per day during the program's core operating hours. The education director shall be in charge of staff training, educational and child development programs and shall supervise all teaching staff at each permitted child care program. An education director may serve in such capacity for a maximum of two programs, and only if such programs are co-located infant/toddler child care programs and preschool child care programs and operated by the same legal entity.

(1) *Coverage for education director*. The program's education director or education director designee of a child care program must be on site whenever at least one child is present.

(A) *Education director designee*. A child care program must identify an education director designee to provide coverage for the education director during hours of service outside of such program's core operating hours, or during an absence of the education director that is not to exceed a total of 60 cumulative days in a 12-month period.

(i) An education director designee must have been screened in accordance with section 47.19. For a preschool child care program, an education director designee must have the qualifications set forth in sections 47.13(d)(1) or 47.13(d)(2). For an

infant/toddler child care program, an education director designee must have the qualifications set forth in sections 47.13(d)(1), 47.13(d)(2) or 47.15(a).

- (ii) When an education director is permanently separated from service at a child care program, the education director designee at such child care program may serve as the education director for no more than 60 days, provided that the permittee notifies the Department and all program staff in writing within 5 business days of such separation and makes such written communication to staff available to the Department for inspection upon request.
- (iii) The person identified as the education director designee may only serve in that role under the permit for which they are employed, and they may be identified as the education director designee for only one child care program. The education director designee may have teaching duties regardless of the number of children in attendance at the program.

(2) *Teaching duties.* The education director shall have no teaching duties when the attendance at a child care program is greater than 40 children, or if the education director is serving in such capacity for two co-located programs. If the child care program holding a permit is part of an elementary school offering classes from grades one through six, and has either child care programs for children under three years of age or has voluntarily applied for a permit, pursuant to this Article, and such school also has a principal with no teaching duties, the education director shall not have any teaching duties when more than 60 children are enrolled in the child care program.

(3) *Qualifications.* Except as provided by Section 47.15 or 47.17, the education director shall have the following qualifications, documentation of which shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request:

(A) A baccalaureate degree in early childhood education or a related field of study approved by the Department and at least two years of documented experience as a group teacher in a program for children under six years of age; and

(B) Valid certification issued by the State Education Department, pursuant to 8 NYCRR §80 or successor rule.

(d) *Group teacher.* Except as provided in Section 47.15 or 47.17, no person shall be placed in charge of a group of children in a child care program unless qualified pursuant to paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of this subdivision. All relevant documentation shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(1) *Baccalaureate degree and State certification.* A baccalaureate degree in early childhood education or a related field of study approved by the Department and valid certification issued by the State Education Department, pursuant to 8 NYCRR §80 or successor rule; or

(2) *Baccalaureate degree and experience.* A baccalaureate degree in early childhood education or a related field of study approved by the Department and two years of supervised and documented relevant experience in a pre-school program if currently employed in a permitted child care program; or

(3) *Study plan.* The person has proposed a plan for meeting the requirements of paragraph (1) or (2) of this subdivision within seven years, and has obtained approval of this plan by an accredited college. A person who is eligible pursuant to a study plan shall submit documentation to the Department indicating proof of enrollment in such college and specifying the time, not to exceed seven years, required for completion of the study plan.

(A) The course of study may include the following study areas:

- (i) Sociological, Historical, Philosophical Foundations of Education or
- (ii) Sociology of Education or History of Education or Philosophy of Education
- (iii) Child Development or Child Psychology
- (iv) Educational Developmental Psychology or Psychological Foundations of Education
- (v) Instructional Materials and Methods Courses - three courses required, including one on the pre-kindergarten or kindergarten level including, but not limited to, such courses as:
 - (aa) Teaching of Reading, Teaching of Math, Teaching Science to Young Children
 - (bb) Teaching of Music, Teaching of Art, Methods of Teaching of Language Arts
 - (cc) Teaching of Computer Technology to Young Children
- (vi) Parent Education and Community Relations or Urban Education or Sociology of the Family or Parent, Child, School.

(B) To be study plan eligible, a person shall have:

- (i) Associate's (AA or AS) degree in early children education, practicum included; or
- (ii) Ninety or more undergraduate college credits and one year classroom experience teaching children in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten or grades 1-2; or
- (iii) Baccalaureate in any other academic subject and one year classroom experience teaching children up to third grade.

(e) *Group teacher for children with special needs.* A group teacher for children with special needs shall be certified in special education, or early childhood education, with additional appropriate training in working with special needs children, in accordance with applicable law. All relevant documentation shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(f) *Assistant teacher.* An assistant teacher shall be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or equivalent (GED). All relevant documentation shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(g) *Group teacher for children younger than 3 years old in a preschool child care program.* A group teacher for children younger than 3 years old in a preschool child care program must, at minimum, meet the qualifications set forth in section 47.15(b).

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§ 47.15 Teaching staff qualifications for infant/toddler child care programs.

A child care program authorized to provide care for children under 24 months of age may employ staff with either the qualifications listed in Section 47.13 of this Code for each title or the following alternative qualifications. All documents and credentials must be submitted for review to an agency designated by the Department and shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request:

- (a) *Education director qualifications.*
 - (1) Baccalaureate degree in early childhood education or related field of study, and
 - (2) At least one year of experience as a group teacher or on the teaching staff in a child care program for children under 24 months of age, or six college credits in infant/toddler coursework, or a study plan leading to six college credits in infant/toddler coursework
- (b) *Group teacher in an infant/toddler program.* A group teacher for an infant/toddler program shall be at least 21 years of age and have the following qualifications:
 - (1) Associate's (AA or AS) degree in early childhood education; or

(2) Child Development Associate (CDA) certification and a study plan leading to an associate's degree in early childhood education within seven years; or

(3) High school diploma or equivalent (GED); nine college credits in early childhood education or child development; two years' experience caring for children, and a study plan leading to an associate's degree in early childhood education within seven years; or

(4) High school diploma or equivalent (GED) and five years of supervised experience in an infant/toddler classroom if currently employed in a permitted child care program; or

(5) High school diploma or equivalent (GED); and a study plan that is acceptable to the Department leading to nine credits in early childhood education or childhood development within two years; and a study plan leading to an associate's degree in early childhood education within seven years, if currently employed in a permitted child care program.

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§ 47.17 Teaching staff qualifications for night child care programs.

(a) Night child care programs may employ staff with either the qualifications listed in Section 47.13 of this Code for each title or the following alternative qualifications. All documents and certifications required by this section must be submitted for review to an agency designated by the Department and shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(b) *Education director qualifications.* The education director shall be qualified in accordance with Section 47.13 of this Code; or hold a baccalaureate degree, including 12 college credits in early childhood education, and have two years' experience in a licensed program with children younger than six years of age.

(c) *Assistant teacher.* An assistant teacher in a night child care program shall be at least 18 years of age and have the following qualifications:

(1) High school diploma or equivalent (TASC or GED); nine college credits in early childhood education or child development; and two years' experience caring for children; or

(2) High school diploma or equivalent (TASC or GED) and five years of supervised experience in a permitted child care program; or

(3) High school diploma or equivalent (TASC or GED); and a study plan that is acceptable to the Department leading to completion of nine credits in early childhood education or childhood development within two years.

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§ 47.18 Shelter child supervision liaison and shelter child supervisor requirements and qualifications.

(a) Every family shelter-based drop-off child supervision program must designate at least one qualified individual as a shelter child supervision liaison for every 30 children enrolled in the program. If a site has more than one liaison, one must be designated head liaison.

(1) *Coverage for shelter child supervision liaison.* When a shelter child supervision liaison is not present to supervise a family shelter-based drop-off child supervision program, the permittee shall designate an interim liaison. In addition, the permittee must notify the Department in writing within five business days of the separation from service of a required shelter child supervision liaison. When a shelter child supervision liaison is separated from service or will be on leave for more than five business days, the permittee must notify families

and program staff in writing of the name of the designated interim liaison. This written communication must be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(2) *Qualifications.* Each shelter child supervision liaison must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university in the social sciences, applied health sciences, or human services, or a related degree approved by the Department.

(3) *Accreditation.* In determining shelter child supervision liaison qualifications, the Department may accept documentation from schools, colleges, and universities approved by the State Education Department or other accreditation organization acceptable to the Department certifying that the liaison has met the specific Code requirements. All liaison documentation must be submitted to the Department for review and shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(b) A shelter child supervisor must have at a minimum an associate's degree in the social sciences, applied health sciences, or human services, or a related degree that is approved by the Department, or a Child Development Associate (CDA) certification. In determining shelter child supervision liaison qualifications, the Department may accept documentation from schools, colleges, and universities approved by the State Education Department or other accreditation organization acceptable to the Department certifying that the liaison has met the specific Code requirements. All liaison documentation must be submitted to the Department for review and shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

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§ 47.19 Criminal justice and child abuse screening of current and prospective personnel; reports to the Department.

(a) *Applicability.* These requirements for child abuse and criminal justice screening shall apply to any person who has, will have, or has the potential for unsupervised contact with children in a program, and shall include, but not be limited to: individual owners, permittees, partners, members and shareholders of corporations, limited liability companies or other entities who are the owners or operators of the program; educational, child supervision, administrative and maintenance employees; employees who are school bus drivers or who are assigned to accompany children during transportation to and from the program; volunteers, including parent volunteers and student teachers, trainees or observers; and consultants and other persons employed by persons, corporations, partnerships, associations or other entities providing services to the program. Employees of independent contractors providing maintenance, construction, transportation, food or any other goods or services to a program shall be screened in accordance with this section, or shall be prohibited from working in any area, vehicle or facility owned, occupied or used by the program unless such person is working under the direct supervision and within the line of sight of a screened employee of the program. These requirements shall not apply to persons authorized by parents to escort or transport children to and from programs where the parents have privately arranged for such escort or transportation.

(b) *Pre-employment verification.* A permittee shall obtain and verify credentials, including certificates and educational transcripts, as applicable, and references prior to employment of all persons listed in subdivision (a) of this section. All such documents, along with any English language translations required pursuant to Section 47.13(a), shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(c) *Screening.* The permittee shall not permit any employee or individual in any other capacity specified in Section 47.19(a) to begin work in any area, vehicle, or facility owned, occupied, or used by the program until either:

(1) the following, arranged by the permittee, have been completed: (a) fingerprinting, and receipt and review of records of criminal convictions and pending criminal actions, and (b) receipt and review of report from the Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment (hereinafter "SCR"), and either:

(A) the results of the screenings are satisfactory; or

(B) if any of the results of the screenings are unsatisfactory, the permittee has received approval of a corrective action plan submitted pursuant to Section 47.21 of this Code; or

(C) the permittee has ensured that the individual must be continuously supervised by a satisfactorily screened staff member with authority to intervene in the actions of such individual. For all employees, the permittee must request a new report from the SCR every 2 years. All documents obtained in accordance with the requirements of this section, along with any required English language translations, must be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(d) *Individual consent.* A permittee shall obtain written consent from each such person for fingerprinting and criminal record review, and shall provide written notice to such persons that there will be an inquiry submitted to the SCR, pursuant to Social Services Law §424-a(1), or successor law, and that copies of the reports received by the permittee as a result of such review and screening shall be provided to the Department.

(e) *Refusal to consent.* A permittee shall not hire or retain as an employee, or otherwise allow on its premises any person who is required to have, but refuses to consent to, fingerprinting and criminal record review. To the extent consistent with Article 23-A of the New York State Correction Law, the permittee shall not hire or retain any person who has a record of criminal convictions or arrests, except as provided in subdivision (h) of this section.

(f) *Employee to notify permittee.* Permittees shall require all employees to have criminal justice and child abuse screening and to notify the permittee immediately or as soon thereafter as possible upon being arrested, and immediately upon receiving notice of the filing of an allegation of child abuse, maltreatment, neglect, or other inappropriate behavior that could threaten the welfare of a child.

(g) *Reports to the Department.* Permittees shall notify the Department within 24 hours when they have received an indicated report from the SCR; an employee report that an allegation has been filed against the employee; or a record or report of criminal conviction(s), pending criminal action, or when they learn or should have learned of an arrest or criminal charge for any misdemeanor or felony for any person required to have a criminal record review or SCR screening. Permittees must also notify the Department within 24 hours whenever a child attending a program has been seriously injured, has died, or a child in their care or supervision has been unaccounted for, left behind at any location outside the child's assigned classroom or where supervision has not been maintained in the manner required by this Code for any period of time while in the care of the permittee.

(h) *Actions required.* To the extent consistent with Article 23-A of the New York State Correction Law, and except where the permittee has submitted and obtained Department approval of a corrective action plan in accordance with Section 47.21 of this Code:

(1) A permittee shall not hire, retain, utilize or contract for the services of a person who:

(A) Has been convicted of a felony at any time, or who has been convicted of a misdemeanor within the preceding ten years; or

(B) Has been arrested and charged with any felony or misdemeanor, and where there has been no disposition of the criminal matter; or

(C) Is the subject of an indicated child abuse and maltreatment report, in accordance with a determination made after a fair hearing, pursuant to §422(8) of the Social Services Law.

(2) A permittee shall not dismiss or permanently deny employment to current and prospective staff solely because they are defendants in pending criminal actions, but may suspend current employees or defer employment decisions on prospective employees until disposition of the pending criminal action.

(3) A permittee shall prohibit unsupervised contact with children by any person who has not received screening clearance for criminal convictions or by the SCR, or as specified in paragraph (1) of this subdivision.

(i) *References.* For all prospective staff, the permittee shall make a written inquiry to an applicant's three most recent employers and shall obtain three references prior to hiring. If prospective staff have not had three prior employers, references may be accepted from persons who are not family members and who state, in writing, that the applicant is well-known to them as a student, volunteer, or other stated capacity, and that the applicant is suited by character, fitness, and ability to work with children. Such documentation shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(j) *Services for certain children.* Permittees must allow access to children receiving assessments and services of professional consultants retained by Early Intervention program providers or New York City Department of Education committees on preschool special education, or successor programs, without requiring proof of consultants' fingerprinting, SCR clearances or references.

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§ 47.21 Corrective action plan.

(a) *Approved corrective action plan required.* A corrective action plan shall be submitted by the permittee to the Department within five business days for review and approval by the Department:

(1) Prior to the permittee hiring, retaining or utilizing the services of persons listed in subdivision (a) of Section 47.19 of this Code when such persons are reported as having:

(A) A criminal conviction as specified in Section 47.19(h) of this Code; or

(B) Pending criminal charges as specified in Section 47.19(h) of this Code; or

(C) SCR reported incidents of child abuse or maltreatment which have been indicated or which are under investigation.

(2) When a death or serious injury of a child or an incident involving a lost child has occurred while under the care or supervision of an applicant for a permit or permittee, or in the care of any owner, director, employee, or volunteer of the applicant or permittee or while in the care of any agent of the permittee, or if a related criminal or civil action has already been adjudicated or adjudication is pending in any jurisdiction with respect to such death or serious injury or incident involving a lost child.

(3) When required by the Department, including but not limited to after the permittee has been cited for violations or conditions deemed imminent health hazards, or when the Department determines that the permittee has been operating with serious or uncorrected violations over a period of time, to demonstrate the permittee's willingness and ability to continue in operation in accordance with applicable law.

(b) *Contents of corrective action plan.* A corrective action plan shall assess the risk to children in the program, and shall clearly and convincingly demonstrate that such person presents no danger to any child, or other persons. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, consideration of the following factors:

- (1) Seriousness of the incident(s) or crimes cited in the report(s);
- (2) Seriousness and extent of injuries, if any, sustained by the child(ren) named or referred to in the indicated report(s) or disclosed upon investigation of the criminal charge;
- (3) Any detrimental or harmful effect on child(ren) as a result of the person's actions or inactions and relevant events and circumstances surrounding these actions and inactions as these relate to any report(s);
- (4) The age of the person and child at the time of the incident(s);
- (5) Time elapsed since the most recent incident(s);
- (6) Number of indicated incident(s) or crimes; where more than one incident or crime, an evaluation of each separately, and an assessment of the total effect of all indicated incidents on risks to children currently under care or supervision;
- (7) Duties of the person under consideration; degree of supervision, interaction, opportunity to be with children on regular, substantial basis and if position may involve being alone with children or will always involve presence of other adults;
- (8) Information provided by person, re: rehabilitation, i.e., showing positive, successful efforts to correct the problems resulting in the indicated child abuse or criminal report so that children in the program will not be in danger, demonstrated by no repeated incidents or showing that the person has undergone successful professional treatment;
- (9) Employment or practice in a child care field without incident involving injuries to children;
- (10) Extra weight and scrutiny shall be accorded child abuse and maltreatment reports involving fatality, sexual abuse, subdural hematoma, internal injuries, extensive lacerations, bruises, welts, burns, scalding, malnutrition or failure to thrive; and crimes involving homicides, sexual offenses (misconduct, rape, sodomy, abuse); kidnapping; felony possession or sale of a controlled substance; felony promotion of prostitution; obscenity offenses; disseminating indecent material involving, or to, minors; incest; abandonment of a child; endangering welfare of a child; promoting sexual performance by a child; felony weapon possession; assault; reckless endangerment; coercion; burglary; arson and robbery; driving while intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol if the person will have responsibilities for unsupervised contact or driving motor vehicles at the program.

(c) *Contents of corrective action plan for imminent health hazards or serious repeat violations.* When the Department requires a corrective action plan to show that imminent health hazards or patterns of serious repeat violations are being corrected, the permittee must:

- (1) Address each hazard, condition or violation;
- (2) Identify their causes; and
- (3) Provide a plan satisfactory to the Department showing that the causes have been addressed, and that the conditions or violations have been corrected and will not recur.

(d) *Implementing the plan.* If the Department determines that such plan adequately safeguards the health and safety of children, the permittee shall be responsible for implementation of the plan, subject to periodic monitoring by the Department.

(e) *Rejection of plan.* If the Department determines that such plan fails to provide adequate safeguards, a permittee that intends to hire or retain the employee shall resubmit the plan until it is acceptable to Department and shall not allow such employee to have unsupervised contact with any children until the plan is approved by the Department.

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§ 47.23 Supervision; staff/child ratios and group size.

(a) *Constant competent supervision required.* Staff included in the staff/child ratios set forth below shall maintain direct line of sight, constant competent supervision of all of the children in the program at all times. Children in a child care classroom shall be competently supervised by a qualified group teacher or education director at all times in each type of child care program for which a permit is issued, with the sole exception that in the event of breaks or lunch periods, absence of no more than five days, the required staff/child ratio in a child care classroom may be maintained with assistant teachers and teacher aides, so long as at least one assistant teacher is included for each group of children in attendance. Children in a family shelter-based drop-off child supervision program shall be competently supervised by shelter child supervision staff at all times.

(1) When any program is in operation, the number of qualified staff required by this Code shall be assigned and on duty to protect the health and safety of the children on the program's premises, and in the case of trips off-site the required number of staff shall accompany the children at all times wherever the children travel.

(2) Each program shall maintain a daily log, to be kept on site and provided to the Department upon request, reflecting the arrival and departure time of each member of the teaching staff or shelter child supervision staff.

(b) *Group teacher.* Except in a night child care program, a group teacher in a child care program shall be in charge of each group of children ages two to five years.

(c) *Infant/toddler child care program supervision.* An education director or a group teacher with equivalent qualifications shall be present at all times of a child care program's operation to supervise an infant/toddler child care program.

(d) *Infant/Toddler teacher.* An infant/toddler teacher in a child care program, under the supervision of the education director, may be in charge of individual groups of infants and toddlers, or children in a night child care program m.

(e) *CPR and first aid certifications.* The permittee shall ensure that at least one staff member certified in CPR and first aid is on the premises of the program during all hours when children are present. Upon application for a new permit or for renewal of an existing permit, such certifications must be in pediatric CPR and pediatric first aid, and must be based on successful completion of appropriate training that includes hands-on skill tests.

(f) *Minimum staff/child ratios.*

(1) The staff of a child care program for purposes of staff/child ratios must include only the teaching staff.

The minimum ratios of staff to children in a child care program must be as follows:

AGE OF CHILDREN	MINIMUM STAFF/CHILD RATIO	MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE per room/area separated from other rooms/areas by a physical barrier
under 12 months	1:4 or 1:3	8
12 to 24 months	1:5	10
2 years to under 3	1:6	12
3 years to under 4	1:10	15
4 years to under 5	1:12	20
5 years to under 6	1:15	25

- (2) The staff of a family shelter based child supervision program for purposes of staff/child ratios shall include only shelter child supervision staff. Volunteers may count as staff for these purposes only if they meet all of the requirements to qualify as shelter child supervisors. The minimum ratios of staff to children in a family shelter-based drop-off child supervision program shall be as follows:

AGE OF CHILDREN	MINIMUM STAFF/CHILD RATIO	MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE
under 3 years	1:4 or 1:3	10 per room/area separated from other rooms/areas by a physical barrier
3 years to under 6	1:8	16

- (3) When children 12 months of age and older are in a group of mixed but contiguous ages, the minimum staff/child ratio and group size shall be based on the predominant age of the children in the group.
- (4) Programs that maintain a staff/child ratio of 1:4 for children under 12 months of age shall demonstrate through their Written Safety Plan that they have sufficient staff in the program at all times to provide a staff/child ratio of 1:3 for the safe evacuation of children younger than 12 months of age during emergency situations.
- (g) *Mixed groups.* Infants shall not be placed in older age groups.
- (h) *Night child care program supervision.*
- (1) Staff included in the staff/child ratios set forth above shall be awake at all times, and shall maintain direct line of sight, visual supervision of children.
 - (2) An education director or a group teacher with equivalent qualifications, or a member of the child supervision staff, shall be present at all times to supervise the night child care program and may not have a specific classroom assignment if more than 40 children are receiving night care or nighttime supervision.
 - (3) If a family shelter-based child drop-off child supervision program requires more than one shelter child supervisor to be present at any time to attain the required child/staff ratio, the permittee must designate one shelter child supervisor to be the lead shelter child supervisor, responsible for directing the supervision of children during that time period.

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§47.25 Health; children's examinations and immunizations.

(a) Required examinations, screening and immunizations.

(1) *Physical examinations and screening.* Prior to admission, all children must receive a complete age appropriate medical examination, including but not limited to a history, physical examination, developmental assessment, nutritional evaluation, lead poisoning screening, and, if indicated, screening tests for dental health, tuberculosis, vision, and anemia.

(2) *Immunizations.*

(A) (i) All children must be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, hepatitis B, pneumococcal disease and haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib), in accordance with New York State Public Health Law §2164, or successor law. Exemption from specific immunizations may be permitted if the immunization may be detrimental to the child's health, in accordance with New York State Public Health Law §2164. Documentation of immunizations and exemptions must be kept on site and made available to the Department immediately upon request. If such records are maintained electronically, Department staff must be allowed to access such records while on-site.

(ii) No permittee shall permit any child to attend such program without appropriate documentation of the immunizations required pursuant to clause (i) of this subparagraph, except as provided for in this subdivision or pursuant to New York State Public Health Law § 2164 or successor law.

(B) (i) Children aged from 6 months to 59 months must be immunized each year before December 31 against influenza with a vaccine approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration as likely to prevent infection for the influenza season that begins following July 1 that calendar year, unless the vaccine may be detrimental to the child's health, as certified by a physician licensed to practice medicine in this state or the state in which the child resides. The permittee may require additional information supporting such request for exemption.

(ii) The permittee may refuse to allow any child to attend a program without acceptable evidence of the child meeting the requirements of clause (i) of this subparagraph. A parent, guardian, or other person in parental relationship to a child denied attendance by a permittee may appeal by petition to the commissioner. A child who first enrolls in a program after June 30 of any year is not required to meet the requirements of clause (i) of this paragraph for the flu season that ends before July 1 of that calendar year.

(C) A permittee that fails to maintain documentation showing that each child in attendance has received each vaccination required by this subdivision or is exempt from such a requirement pursuant to paragraph A or B of this subdivision will be subject to fines for each child not meeting such requirements as provided for under this Code. Documentation required by A of this subdivision must be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(D) All children shall have any additional immunizations required by the Department.

(E) All children must have such additional immunizations as the Department may require.

(F) The permittee must report to the Department all requests for exemption made pursuant to subparagraphs (A) or (B) of paragraph (2) of this subdivision in a manner and form prescribed by the Department. Upon submission of an exemption request and pending

Department determination, the child may attend the child care program. If upon review of the documents submitted and any additional documentation provided to the Department, the Department determines that the exemption request is not valid insofar as it is not in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidelines or other nationally recognized evidence-based guidelines, the permittee or person in charge of a child care program must not allow the child to attend the program without documentation that such child has received the immunizations required pursuant to clause (i) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of this subdivision.

(b) *Form with results of examination.* Health care providers examining children pursuant to this section shall furnish permittees with a signed statement, in a form provided or approved by the Department, containing a summary of the results of examination, past medical history, and, if a disease or condition which affects the child's ability to participate in program activities is found, a summary of the evaluation and findings associated with that condition. The examination form shall include the health care provider's recommendations for exclusion or treatment of the child, modifications of activities, and plans for any necessary health supervision.

(c) *Periodic examinations.* Each child shall have periodic medical examinations at 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18 and 24 months and 3, 4, 5 and 6 years of age.

(d) *Medical records to be maintained.* A permittee shall maintain an individual paper or electronic medical record file for each child on the premises of the program and make the file available for review by the Department upon request. This file shall include:

(1) A cumulative record consisting of a form provided or approved by the department, including: child's name, address, date of admission and date of birth; parents' names, home and business addresses and telephone numbers; names and telephone contact information of person(s) to contact in case of emergency, including name, address and telephone number of the child's primary health care provider; pertinent family medical history, and child's history of allergies, medical illnesses, special health problems and medications, immunization records; and parental consent for emergency treatment.

(2) Copies of all individual health records required by this Code, including new admission and periodic medical examination forms, parents' and health care provider notes regarding episodic illnesses, and a history of all illnesses, accidents, and other health data.

(e) *Records to be confidential.* All records required by this section shall be maintained as confidential records and shall not be made available for inspection or copying by any persons other than parents, other persons who present a written authorization from a parent, or authorized staff of the Department.

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§47.27 Health; daily requirements; reports of absences; communicable diseases.

(a) *Daily attendance record.* A daily attendance record shall be kept in a form provided or approved by the Department. Daily entries must include at a minimum each child's name and arrival and departure time.

(b) *Daily health inspections.* A health inspection of each child shall be made daily by the educational director, designated teachers, shelter child care liaisons, or child supervisors who are familiar with such child and trained to recognize signs or symptoms of illnesses in accordance with guidelines or training provided or approved by the Department.

(c) *Management of ill children and reporting.*

(1) An area shall be provided for separating ill children under direct adult supervision until parents remove children from the program.

(2) The Department must be notified by the permittee within 24 hours of the occurrence of a death or serious injury to a child while in the care or supervision of the program.

(3) When any child is unexpectedly absent from the program, the permittee must notify the child's parent of the absence by telephone, text or e-mail message or other means of immediate communication within one hour of the child's scheduled time of arrival and must maintain a record of having made such notification and the information obtained in the log required by §47.29 (d) of this Code.

(d) *Parent reports of absences.* Permittees must notify parents when children are initially enrolled in the program that parents must report children's absences to the program as follows:

(1) *Daily.* Parents must notify the program prior to their child's scheduled arrival time, but no later than one hour after the scheduled arrival time, that a child will not be attending the program that day.

(2) *Communicable diseases.* Parents must report to the permittee within 24 hours of such absence of any absence for: chicken pox, conjunctivitis, diarrhea, diphtheria, food poisoning, hepatitis, haemophilus influenza type b infection, impetigo, measles, meningitis (all types), meningococcal disease, Methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA), mumps, pertussis (whooping cough), poliomyelitis, rubella (German measles), salmonella, scarlet fever, tuberculosis, or any other disease or condition which may be a danger to the health of other children. Such disease or condition shall not include acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) or human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection.

(e) *Reports of vaccine preventable illnesses.* The permittee shall report to the Department by telephone, within 24 hours, any child who has any vaccine preventable illness, or meningitis or tuberculosis, or if there is any outbreak or unusual occurrence of any disease or condition at the facility.

(f) *Isolation and exclusion pursuant to Article 11 of this Code.* The permittee must isolate or exclude any child, staff or volunteer who is suspected or confirmed with, or has been exposed to, a communicable disease requiring isolation or exclusion under Article 11 of this Code. A child, staff or volunteer who has been excluded must not be permitted to return to the child care program without a written statement from a health care provider indicating that the child, staff member or volunteer is free from such disease in communicable form and that the period of isolation or exclusion required by Article 11 of this Code has ended. Any child, staff or volunteer isolated or excluded pursuant to this subdivision must be reported to the Department.

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§ 47.29 Health; emergencies.

(a) *Emergency procedures and notices.* Written policies and procedures for managing health and other emergencies shall be included in the written health and safety plans and approved by the Department prior to the issuance of a permit. Permittees shall provide notice of the location and contact telephone numbers of the program to local hospitals, police precincts, fire houses and emergency transport services and information about emergency policies and procedures shall be provided to parents. Emergency procedures and emergency telephone contact numbers (for NYPD, FDNY, Poison Control Center, Child Abuse Hotline, and the Department) shall be conspicuously posted in each classroom or area used by children.

(b) *Necessary emergency medical care.* When a child is injured, or becomes ill under such circumstances that emergency care is needed, the permittee or designee shall obtain such emergency medical care in accordance with the requirements of this section and immediately notify the child's parent or guardian.

(1) Each permittee must:

(A) at the time of the child's admission into the program, obtain written consent from a parent or guardian authorizing the permittee or other caregivers to obtain emergency health care for the child; and

(B) secure emergency care when needed, and notify a parent or guardian immediately and

(C) arrange for any needed transportation of any child in need of emergency health care and ensure that the staff/child ratios required by Section 47.23 of this Code are maintained for the children remaining in the program; and

(D) advise a parent or guardian, or the person authorized to pick up the child that day, of any developing symptoms of illness or minor injury sustained while the child is in the program.

(2) Where a parent has provided a written, individualized health care plan indicating the specific medications that can be administered and the schedule of such administration(s) for their child, including in cases of emergency, and there is a direct conflict between such plan and any provision of this section, the permittee must follow the child's individualized health care plan.

(c) *Epinephrine auto-injectors.*

(1) Each permittee shall maintain on site at the program facility at least two epinephrine auto-injectors with retractable needles in each dosage appropriate for children who may be in the program, stored in an area inaccessible to children and maintained in an unexpired, operable condition such that they are available for immediate use in case of need for emergency administration to a child.

(2) Each permittee shall designate a sufficient number of staff to be trained to administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a child in the program in accordance with New York State Public Health Law §3000-c, or any successor statute or applicable regulation. At least one staff person trained to administer an epinephrine auto-injector shall be on site at all times children are present. The epinephrine auto-injector training must include:

(A) How to recognize signs and symptoms of severe allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis;

(B) Recommended dosage for adults and children;

(C) Standards and procedures for the storage and use of an epinephrine auto-injector; and

(D) Emergency follow-up procedures.

(3) Each permittee shall designate at least one staff person to be responsible for the storage, maintenance, control, disposal, and general oversight of each such epinephrine auto-injector to ensure such device remains available for use in an unexpired, operable condition.

(4) Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 47.31(e) of this Article, and subject to the terms of a child's individualized health plan as described in Section 47.29(b)(2) of this Code, if a child appears to be experiencing anaphylactic symptoms, staff trained in accordance with the requirements of Section 47.29(b)(2) of this Code may administer an epinephrine auto-injector to such child, whether or not there is a prior or known history of severe allergic reaction in such child.

- (5) Immediately following any emergency administration of an epinephrine auto-injector to a child, the permittee shall contact 911 for emergency medical care and notify the child's parent or guardian.
- (6) Within 24 hours following any emergency administration of an epinephrine auto-injector, the permittee shall contact the Department to report the incident.
- (7) Each epinephrine auto-injector shall be disposed of in accordance with applicable law.
- (d) *First aid supplies.* A first aid kit, completely stocked for emergency treatment of cuts and burns, shall be provided by the permittee and shall be easily accessible for use. The first aid kit shall be kept out of reach of children and inspected periodically.
- (e) *Incident log.* The permittee shall maintain a log, to be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request, of illnesses, accidents, epinephrine auto-injector administrations, and injuries sustained by children in the program, in a form provided or approved by the Department. The permittee shall provide a child's parent with information concerning each such incident pertaining to the child, on the date of such incident, and shall report same to the Department within 24 hours. Logged entries shall include the name and date of birth of the child, the place, date and time of the incident, names and positions of staff and other adults present, a brief statement describing the incident, emergency treatment obtained, if any, and parental notification made or attempted. The incident log shall be maintained on site and made available to the Department upon request.
- (f) The Department may promulgate rules to specify how permittees shall comply with this section.

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§47.31 Health; medication administration.

- (a) *Medication policy required.* Each permittee shall establish a policy as to whether the permittee will or will not administer medication, and incorporate such policy in the program's health care plan component of the written safety plan required by Section 47.11 of this Code. Notwithstanding any program's general policy not to administer medication, such policy shall indicate that the program may be required to administer medication to a child with a disability pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- (b) *Exempt staff.* A program that employs staff who are also currently State licensed physicians, physician assistants, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, licensed practical nurses, or emergency medical technicians may administer medications without such staff obtaining additional qualifications or certification.
- (c) *Health care consultant and duties.* All permittees that choose to administer medications to children shall designate a health care consultant of record, who shall be a health care provider as defined in this Article. The permittee shall confer with the health care consultant and shall obtain approval of the consultant for the portion of the health care plan regarding policies and procedures related to the administration of medications. The consultant shall review documentation of all staff authorized to administer medications and determine if staff have required professional licenses or certificates of completion of required training. A health care plan shall be valid for two years and shall be updated when designated staff has changed. The health care consultant shall visit the program at least once every two years and shall review the permittee's health care policies, procedures, documentation, practice and compliance with its health care plan for administering medications. If the consultant determines that the approved health care plan is not being reasonably followed by the permittee, the consultant may revoke his

or her approval of the plan. If the consultant revokes his or her approval of the health care plan, the health care consultant shall immediately provide written notification to the permittee and the Department, upon which notification the program shall immediately cease administering medication, and immediately notify all parents and guardians of children in the program of such cessation, until such time as a new health care plan is approved. All relevant documentation shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(d) *Staff members certified to administer medications.* Only a trained, designated staff person may administer medications to children, except where the only administration of medications will be over-the-counter (“OTC”) topical ointments, including sunscreen lotion and topically applied insect repellent; and of asthma inhalers, nebulizers, and epinephrine auto-injectors to children whose parent or guardian has provided written consent, medical authorization, and training. The staff person administering medications to children shall be at least 18 years of age, possess current certifications in first aid, CPR, and medication administration training (MAT) in a course approved or administered by the Department or the State Office of Children and Family Services. MAT certificates shall be made available for inspection by the Department on request. MAT certifications shall be effective for a period of three years from the date of issuance. Recertification training shall extend certification for additional three-year periods. If a designated staff person ceases to work in a program for a continuous period of one year, certification shall automatically lapse. Where certification lapses, the person may be recertified after repeating initial MAT or recertification training, as required by the Department. Where a permittee has failed to comply with requirements for the administration of medications set forth in this section, the Department may require retraining or may prohibit the permittee from administering medications.

(e) *Medication administration procedures.* Except as provided in Section 47.29(c) of this Code, permittees and designated staff may administer prescription and OTC medications for eyes or ears, oral medications, topical ointments and medications, and inhaled medications in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(1) A copy of the permittee’s written policies regarding the administration of medications shall be reviewed, explained, and provided to parents at the time of enrollment.

(2) The permittee shall obtain from a child's parent and health care provider a statement in writing that indicates medicine to be administered and schedule of administration.

(3) A parent, or other adult authorized in writing by the parent may administer medications to a child while the child is attending a program at any time.

(4) The permittee shall maintain a medication administration log, to be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request, to document the name of the child to whom medication was administered, the date and time of administration, the type and quantity of medication administered, and name of the staff member, parent, or other parentally authorized adult who administered the medication.

(5) Permittees and designated staff may not administer medications by injection, vaginally or rectally, except as follows:

(A) For a child with special health care needs where the parent, program and the child's health care provider have agreed on a plan pursuant to which the permittee or designated staff may administer medications by injection, vaginally or rectally; or

(B) Where the permittee or designated staff hold a valid New York State license as a physician, physician's assistant, registered nurse, nurse practitioner, licensed practical nurse, or advanced emergency medical technician.

(6) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to require any permittee to administer any medication, treatment, or other remedy except to the extent that such medication, treatment or remedy is required under the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

(7) Permittees who agree to administer medications shall do so, unless they observe circumstances specified by a child's health care provider, if any, under which medication shall not be administered. In such instances, the permittee shall contact the parent immediately.

(8) Medication may only be administered with written consent of the parent in accordance with written instructions from the child's health care provider including, but not limited to circumstances, if any, under which the medication or prescription shall not be administered. Medication shall be returned to the parent when no longer required by the child.

(9) When the permittee has written parental consent and written instructions from a health care provider authorizing administration of a specified medication if the permittee observes a specific condition or change of condition in the child while the child is in the program, the permittee may administer the medication without obtaining additional authorization from the child's parent or health care provider.

(10) To the extent that such information is not included on the medication label, written instructions by the health care provider shall include:

- (A) child's name;
- (B) health care provider's name, telephone number, and signature;
- (C) date authorized;
- (D) name of medication and dosage;
- (E) frequency the medication is to be administered;
- (F) method of administration;
- (G) date the medication shall be discontinued or length of time, in days, the medication is to be given;
- (H) reason for medication (unless this information shall remain confidential pursuant to law);
- (I) most common side effects or reactions; and
- (J) special instructions or considerations, including but not limited to possible interactions with other medications the child is receiving or concerns regarding the use of the medication as it relates to a child's age, allergies, or any pre-existing conditions.

(11) Medications shall be kept in the original labeled bottle or container. Over-the-counter medication shall be kept in the originally labeled container and shall be labeled with the child's first and last name. Prescription medications shall contain the original pharmacy label.

(12) If medication is to be given on an ongoing, long-term basis, the parent's consent and health care provider's written instructions shall be renewed in writing at least once every six months. Any changes in the original medication shall require a permittee to obtain new written instructions from the health care provider.

(13) A permittee may administer over-the-counter topical ointments, including sunscreen lotion and topically applied insect repellent, upon the written instructions of the parent. Such administration shall be consistent with any directions for use noted on the original container, including but not limited to precautions related to age and special health conditions, and no additional certifications to administer medications are required by the permittee or designated staff. If the only administration of medication offered by the program will be the administration of over-the-counter topical ointment, including sunscreen lotion and topically applied insect repellent, a designated health care consultant is not required. The permittee or designated staff

shall record in the medication log applications of such topically applied ointments, sunscreen lotions and topically applied insect repellants, with the name of the child, date and time administered, and staff signature.

(14) For all children for whom the permittee administers over-the-counter medications pursuant to this paragraph, copies of parental written consent and instructions shall be maintained in the child's medical record file.

(15) Medications shall be kept in a clean area that is inaccessible to children. If refrigeration is required, medications shall be stored in either a separate refrigerator or a leak-proof container in a designated area of a food storage refrigerator, separated from food and inaccessible to children. Permittees shall comply with all applicable law for secure storage of all medications.

(16) Staff shall document dosages and times that medications are given, observable side effects, reasons for not giving medication and medication administration errors, and shall report to the parent and to the child's health care provider, in accordance with the provider's written instructions; medication errors shall be immediately reported to the Department.

(17) No children shall independently self administer medications or assist in the administration of their own medications except under direct supervision of designated staff.

(18) Nothing in this section shall prevent a parent, guardian or other legally authorized individual in relation to a child from administering medication to a child while such child is in a program. In these circumstances, the permittee shall document the dosages and time that the medications were administered to the child by such individual. If the only administration of medication in such program is done by such individual, no certifications to administer medication are required by the permittee or staff.

(f) *Repealed.*

§47.33 Health; staff.

(a) *Staff to be excluded.* The permittee shall exclude any staff person from work in accordance with Article 11 of this Code, if such staff person reports having an illness or symptoms of a communicable disease reportable pursuant to Article 11 of this Code. Such staff person shall not be permitted to return to the program without a written statement of recovery from a health care provider if the staff person was a case of measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis (whooping cough), scarlet fever, meningitis (all types), or poliomyelitis, or if the staff person was a case of any other communicable disease reportable pursuant to Article 11.

(b) *Physical examination certificates.* No member of the teaching staff or shelter child supervision staff, or substitute, volunteer worker, office worker, kitchen worker, maintenance worker, or other staff member who regularly associates with children shall be permitted to work in a program unless such person is healthy and capable of carrying out the responsibilities of the job. Prior to commencing work, all such individuals shall present a certificate from a licensed health care provider certifying that, on the basis of medical history and physical examination, such individual is physically and mentally able to perform assigned duties. Such certificate shall be submitted every two years thereafter as a condition of employment. Certificates of required physical examinations and other medical or personal health information about staff shall be kept on file on paper or electronically, on the premises of the program, and shall be kept confidential and separate from all other personnel or employment records and made available for review by the Department upon request.

(c) *Staff and volunteer immunizations.*

- (1) Each staff and volunteer must obtain a report from a health care provider who is a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, or doctor of osteopathy certifying that such person has been immunized with 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine; 2 doses of mumps-containing vaccine; 1 dose of rubella-containing vaccine; 2 doses of varicella-containing vaccine (chicken pox); 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis (Tdap). Persons born on or before December 31, 1956 are not required to have measles, mumps or rubella vaccines. A history of having health care provider documented varicella or herpes zoster disease is acceptable in place of varicella vaccine. A history of having measles, mumps or rubella disease shall not be substituted for the measles, mumps or rubella vaccine. A laboratory test demonstrating detectable varicella, measles, mumps, or rubella antibodies is also acceptable in place of varicella, measles, mumps and rubella vaccine. A staff or volunteer may be exempted from this immunization requirement for medical contraindications in accordance with ACIP or other nationally recognized evidence-based guidelines upon submission of appropriate documentation from a treating licensed physician. Each staff and volunteer must submit such report of immunization to the permittee.
 - (2) Reports of immunizations shall be confidential and must be kept by the permittee in a paper or electronic file with other staff and volunteer health information, except that such reports must be made available to the Department immediately upon request. Documentation of exemption from immunization must also be kept on site and made available to the Department immediately upon request. If such records are maintained electronically, Department staff must be allowed to access such records while on-site.
 - (3) No permittee or person in charge of a childcare program shall permit any staff or volunteer to attend such program without appropriate documentation of the immunizations required pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subdivision.
- (d) *Test for tuberculosis infection.* The Department may require testing for tuberculosis at any time of any persons in a program when such testing is deemed necessary for epidemiological investigation.
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§47.35 Personal hygiene practices; staff and children.

- (a) *Hand washing.* Staff and children shall wash hands before and after toileting or diaper changes, after contact with a child in ill health, and prior to handling or preparing any food and after playing outdoors.
- (b) *Signs.* Hand washing signs provided by or approved by the Department shall be prominently posted in each lavatory and by each sink.
- (c) *Individual personal care.* Hair brushes or cloth towels shall not be provided for use. If toothbrushes, combs, or washcloths are provided, each child shall have items for his/her exclusive use and they shall be stored in an individually labeled container.
- (d) *Changes of clothing.* At least one change of weather-appropriate clothing shall be available so that any child who soils clothing may receive a change. Soiled clothing and cloth diapers shall be handled in a manner that protects occupants from exposure to wastes and maintains an appropriately sanitary environment.
- (e) *Bathing.* Children shall not be regularly bathed on premises; but shall be washed in case of accidents.

(f) *Self-care/hygiene routines for night care programs.* Permittees shall establish procedures and policies that require children to brush teeth at bedtime and after meals; comb hair upon awakening, and follow a routine for toileting, dressing and undressing.

(g) *Safety precautions relating to blood.* Permittees shall implement the following safety precautions for all staff having any exposure to, or contact with blood:

(1) Disposable gloves shall be immediately available and worn whenever there is a possibility for contact with blood, including but not limited to:

- (A) Changing diapers where there is blood in the stool;
- (B) Touching blood or blood-contaminated body fluids;
- (C) Treating cuts that bleed; and
- (D) Wiping surfaces stained with blood.

(2) In an emergency, a child's safety and well-being shall take priority. A bleeding child shall not be denied care because gloves are not immediately available.

(3) Disposable gloves shall be discarded after each use.

(4) If blood is touched accidentally, exposed skin shall be thoroughly washed with soap and running water.

(5) Clothes contaminated with blood shall be placed in a securely tied plastic bag and returned to the parent at the end of the day.

(6) Surfaces that have been blood stained shall be cleaned and disinfected with a germicidal solution.

(h) *Smoking prohibited.* There shall be no smoking of tobacco or other substances, or use of e-cigarettes, in any indoor *or* outdoor area of any premises on which a program is located.

§47.37 Training.

(a) *Education director/shelter child supervision liaison responsibility.* The education director of a child care program and the shelter child supervision liaison of a family shelter-based drop-off child supervision program shall arrange for and verify all required training of all teaching staff and shelter child supervision staff. The education director or the shelter child supervision liaison may be certified to conduct such training or may designate other teaching staff or shelter child supervision staff to obtain such certification and conduct such training. The education director or shelter child supervision liaison shall maintain copies of certificates verifying completion of all required training; shall document written safety plan training, including dates and times that emergency response drills were conducted, evaluation of staff performance, and recommendations for improvements in training or amendments to the safety plan. All documents relevant to compliance with this section shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(b) *Employees.*

(1) *Child abuse, maltreatment and neglect.* All staff must receive at least 2 hours of training every 24 months in preventing, identifying, and reporting child abuse, maltreatment and neglect, and requirements of applicable statutes and regulations. Such training must be provided by a New York State Office of Children and Family Services certified trainer. New teaching and shelter child supervision staff must receive such training within 3 months of hire or of the effective date of this rule, whichever is later. Training completed while employed at a different program holding a permit under this Article shall count for purposes of compliance with this subsection. Certificates of completion of all training required pursuant to this subsection must be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(2) *Infection control, administration of medication, protection from hazards, and additional safety topics.* Within three months of hire or of the effective date of this rule, whichever is later, all teaching staff and shelter child supervision staff shall receive training in infection control, reporting infectious diseases; administration of medication; protection from hazards; handling and storage of hazardous materials; appropriate disposal of biocontaminants; building and physical premises safety; including protection from hazards, bodies of water, and vehicular traffic; and, if applicable, safe transportation of children. Training completed while employed at a different program holding a permit under this Article shall count for purposes of compliance with this subsection. Certificates of completion of all training required pursuant to this subsection shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(3) *Emergency procedures.*

(A) Except as provided in Section 47.37(b)(3)(A)(ii)(aa), all new teaching staff and shelter child supervision staff shall receive, within three months of hire or of the effective date of this rule, whichever is later, and, all staff, volunteers, and other individuals regularly providing services shall receive on an annual basis, training in the emergency procedures contained in the approved written safety plan, including:

(i) In-depth review of the provisions of the plan;

(ii) Announced and unannounced real-time drills demonstrating competency of all staff members in:

(aa) Emergency medical response, including:

(1) Pediatric CPR and pediatric first aid training approved by the Department. Such training is required only for staff and must be completed before staff begin providing services or within three months of the effective date of this rule, whichever is later, and every two years thereafter. Upon application for a new permit or for renewal of an existing permit, for those staff whose presence will be used for compliance with Section 47.23 of this Article, such training must include successful completion of hands-on skill tests and certification; and

(2) Administration of epinephrine auto-injector. Such training is required only for those staff selected by the permittee for compliance with Section 47.29(c) of this Code; and

(bb) Emergency preparedness and response planning for emergencies resulting from natural disasters or a human-caused events, including procedures for evacuation other than the monthly fire drills required by Section 47.59(d) of this Code, relocation, shelter-in-place and lockdown, staff and volunteer emergency preparedness training and practice drills, communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, and accommodation of infants, toddlers, and children with disabilities or chronic medical conditions. This training shall include response to critical incidents such as

- (1) Loss of a child;
- (2) Situation requiring lockdown;
- (3) Gas, sewer, or water main break; and
- (4) Extreme weather event; and

(B) Training completed while employed at a different program holding a permit under this Article shall count for purposes of compliance with this subsection. Certificates of completion of all training required by this subsection shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(4) *SIDS, safe sleep practices, and abusive head trauma (“shaken baby syndrome”).* All child care program staff and shelter child supervision staff shall complete sudden infant death

syndrome ("SIDS"), safe sleep practices, and "shaken baby syndrome" identification and prevention training before beginning to provide services or within three months of the effective date of this rule, whichever is later. Certificates of completion of such training shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(5) *Allergic reactions.* All teaching staff and child supervision staff shall receive training in prevention and control of allergic reactions.

(6) *Additional topics.*

(A) All teaching staff and shelter-based child supervision staff shall receive training every 24 months on the following topics:

- (i) Cognitive social, emotional, and physical development;
- (ii) Family engagement; and
- (iii) Mental health first aid for children.

(B) All teaching staff shall complete at least 15 hours of training every 24 months, at least five hours of which shall be completed in each 12-month period, including the mandatory child abuse prevention and identification training in paragraph (1), and other subjects related to child health and safety, and early childhood development. The educational director shall develop a training curriculum based on assessment of the professional development needs of individual assistant teachers. The curriculum shall include, but not be limited to, the following topics:

(i) Preventing, recognizing signs of, and reporting injuries, infectious diseases, lead poisoning, asthma, and other illnesses and medical conditions;

(ii) Providing first aid and CPR;

(iii) Scheduling and conducting guided and structured physical activity;

(iv) Setting up and maintaining staff and child health records including records of immunizations;

(v) Growth and child development; including:

(aa) Early intervention;

(bb) Early childhood education curriculum development and appropriate activity planning;

(cc) Appropriate supervision of children;

(dd) Meeting the needs of children with physical or emotional challenges;

(ee) Behavior management;

(ff) Meeting nutritional needs of young children;

(gg) Parent, staff, and volunteer, communication and orientation regarding roles and responsibilities;

(hh) The selection of appropriate equipment and classroom arrangement; and

(ii) Safety and security procedures for fire safety, emergency evacuation, playgrounds, trips, and transportation.

(C) Certificates of completion of such training shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(c) The Department may provide the training required by this section, or any part thereof, or accept training provided by others found satisfactory to the Department. All trainers' qualifications must be submitted for review to an agency designated by the Department. Persons who enroll in workshops conducted by the Department may be charged a reasonable fee to defray all or part of the costs incurred by the Department for workshop registration materials, training, testing, and certificate issuance.

(d) The Department may promulgate rules to specify how permittees shall comply with this section.

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§47.39 Space allowance; reservation for children's use.

(a) *Space for children's exclusive use.* Rooms, areas and other spaces utilized by children in a program, including bathrooms, shall be reserved for their exclusive use and shall not be shared with other children or adults while the program is in operation.

(b) *Minimum square footage/child.* The minimum allowance of space for each child in a room/area separated from other rooms/areas by a physical barrier shall be 30 square feet of wall to wall space.

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§ 47.41 Indoor physical facilities.

(a) *Egress.* All buildings in which child care or supervision is provided by programs that received their first permit after January 1, 1989, shall have two unobstructed means of egress, separated by at least half the diagonal dimension of the occupied space of the building or as otherwise specified by applicable building code. Fire escapes shall not be counted as means of egress.

(b) *No child care or child supervision provided above third floor.* No programs receiving a first permit after January 1, 1989, shall allow children to utilize any rooms, areas or other spaces above the third floor of a building, except that the Department may allow programs to occupy spaces above the third floor where DOB and FDNY or other appropriate government entities have approved such use and the Department has approved the applicant or permittee's evacuation plan.

(c) *Infant/toddler child care or supervision limited to first floor.* No infant/toddler child care program, or family shelter-based drop-off child supervision program that supervises infants or toddlers, receiving a first permit on or after September 1, 2008, shall provide services in any room, area or other space above the first floor or below the ground level floor of a building, except that the Department may allow such programs to occupy spaces above the first floor or one level below the ground level floor of a building, where DOB and FDNY or other appropriate government entities have approved such use and the Department has approved the applicant or permittee's evacuation plan.

(d) *Basements.* A program receiving a first permit on or after September 1, 2008, shall not allow children to utilize any rooms, areas or other spaces lower than one level below the ground level floor of a building.

(e) *Window guards.* Windows guards shall be installed in accordance with specifications provided or approved by the Department on all windows in all rooms, hallways, and stairwells, except windows giving access to fire escapes.

(f) *Passageways free of obstruction.* All corridors, doorways, stairs, and exits shall be kept unobstructed at all times.

(g) *Protective barriers in stairways.* Protective barriers shall be provided in all stairways used by children. Stairways shall be equipped with low banisters or handrails for use of children. Protective barriers providing visual access shall be installed in lofts used by children.

(h) *Shielding required.* Columns, radiators, pipes, poles, and any other free-standing or attached structures in classrooms and play areas shall have protective guards.

(i) *Door locks.* No door to a bathroom, closet or other enclosed space shall be equipped with a lock that allows the door to be locked from inside the space, except that such devices may be used to secure privacy if they can be overridden from the outside in an emergency, and may otherwise be used as required for compliance with applicable law or regulations regarding lockdown procedures.

(j) *Finishes and maintenance.* Walls, ceilings and floors shall be finished with non-toxic finishes, constructed of materials enabling thorough cleaning, and maintained in good repair, with no holes, missing tiles, peeling plaster, or other defects.

(k) *Securing entrances and exits.*

(1) *Monitoring.* All interior entrances and exits of the facility must be monitored and kept secure by individual staff, contractors, and/or electronic or other surveillance providing unobstructed views of entrances and exits at all times during operation of the program. Panic bars must be installed on all exterior doors of the facility. When used in this paragraph a "panic bar" means a door latching assembly incorporating a device that releases the latch upon the application of a force in the direction of egress travel.

(2) *Entry access.* All entrances providing access to the facility must be secured with pass key identification or other means that effectively limit access to staff, parents and other authorized persons.

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§47.43 Plumbing; toilets, hand wash, and diaper changing facilities.

(a) *Plumbing installation.* Plumbing shall be installed only by a licensed plumber and shall be free of cross-connections and other hazards to health. Drinking water from faucets and fountains shall be tested for lead content by an existing permittee upon the effective date of this provision or by a new permittee within 60 days of receiving a permit and by all permittees every five years thereafter using a method approved by the Department. Copies of test results must be sent to the Department upon receipt by mail, email or fax and the permittee shall investigate and take remedial action if lead levels at or above 15 parts per billion (ppb) are detected. Remedial action must be described in a corrective action plan to be submitted to the Department with reports of elevated test results. Until remedial action is completed, the permittee must provide and use bottled potable water from a source approved by the Department or the State Department of Health.

(b) *Adequate toilets and sinks to be provided.* One toilet and one hand wash sink shall be provided for every 15 children ages 24 months and older, or fraction thereof, based on permit capacity. When an extended hand wash facility is equipped with several faucets supplying tempered water, each faucet shall be considered the equivalent of one hand wash sink.

(c) *Located near children's rooms.* Toilets and hand wash sinks shall be located as close as practicable to children's playrooms and classrooms.

(d) *Staff toilets.* Separate adult toilets shall be provided for staff.

(e) *Sink water supply.* Hand wash sinks with an adequate supply of hot and cold running water shall be provided in or adjacent to toilets. Water temperature in hand wash sinks used by children shall not exceed 115 degrees Fahrenheit (46.11 degrees Celsius).

(f) *Accessibility to children.* Toilets and hand wash sinks shall be installed at a height that allows unassisted use by children. If adult-size toilets or hand wash sinks are in place, platforms with easily cleaned surfaces shall be provided for use by children. Such platforms shall be securely affixed to a permanent structure and free of hazards.

(g) *Soaps and drying devices.* All sinks shall be equipped with liquid soap dispensers, individual paper towels or sanitary driers, located within easy reach of the children.

(h) *Diaper changing.*

(1) A firm, non-absorbent, easily cleanable, counter height surface directly adjacent to a sink with running hot and cold water shall be provided in or adjacent to the classroom for diaper changing when needed.

(2) A disposable covering shall be provided on diaper changing counters and shall be changed after each use. The counter surface shall be disinfected after each use.

(3) A readily accessible receptacle with secure lid and removable plastic liner shall be provided for the disposal of diapers; separate equipment shall be provided for cloth diapers, if used. A properly labeled spray bottle of approved disinfectant shall be provided.

(4) Staff changing diapers shall wear disposable rubber or other barrier gloves.

(5) Potties shall be used only in bathroom or toilet facilities, and shall be washed and disinfected after each use in a designated utility sink that is not used by staff or children as a hand wash sink.

§47.45 Ventilation and lighting.

(a) *Ventilation.* Ventilation, by natural or artificial means, shall be provided in each room used by children. Internal temperature and humidity shall be regulated so the facility is free of nuisance conditions, including, but not limited to excessive heat, dust, fumes, vapors, gases, odors or condensate. The windows, inlets, outlets and artificial ventilation shall be located and the rate of air flow shall be controlled so as not to subject the children to drafts.

(b) *Lighting.* All parts of a building used for the care or supervision of children shall be adequately lighted by natural or artificial means. All lighting shall be evenly distributed and diffused, free from glare, flickering or shadows. The following lighting levels shall be provided and maintained at children's activity level:

(1) Fifty foot-candles of light in all classrooms used for partially sighted children;

(2) Thirty foot-candles of light in all other classrooms, study halls or libraries;

(3) Twenty foot-candles of light in recreation rooms;

(4) Ten foot-candles of light in auditoriums, cafeterias, locker rooms, washrooms, corridors containing lockers;

(5) Five foot-candles of light in open corridors and store rooms; and

(6) Five foot-candles of light shall be provided during sleeping hours in bathrooms, sleeping areas and exit paths.

§47.47 Outdoor play areas and facilities.

(a) Adequate, easily accessible outdoor play areas shall be provided at child care programs and may be provided at family shelter-based drop-off child supervision programs. They shall be kept clean and safe, and shall be suitable for children's use.

(b) Outdoor play areas located on the premises of a facility shall be enclosed by climb-proof fencing that is a minimum of five feet in height. No razor or barbed wire shall be used at the top of a fence, unless the fence is more than six and one half feet in height.

(c) Rooftop play areas may be provided in fireproof buildings, when such use is approved by the Department, the DOB and FDNY or other appropriate government entities. Rooftop play areas shall be enclosed by a climb-proof fence, at least 10 feet in height with an additional 45° inwardly angled panel.

(d) Outdoor equipment, including, but not limited to, swings, slides, and climbing apparatus, shall be age and developmentally appropriate, shall be installed, maintained and used in accordance with manufacturers' specifications and instructions, approved by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, and maintained in good repair.

(e) Outdoor play areas shall be maintained free of broken glass or other debris, poison ivy or other poisonous vegetation, pest harborages, or other hazards.

(f) Resilient surfaces, approved by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, that do not contain asphalt or cement, shall be provided under and surrounding climbing and other elevated equipment.

(g) Play equipment shall be in good repair, and free from hazards such as sharp edges or pointed parts, or toxic or poisonous finishes or materials, including but not limited to, lead and arsenic.

§47.49 General sanitation and maintenance.

(a) *Maintenance.* Indoor and outdoor rooms, play areas, and other spaces, including cellars, basements, and adjoining yards and courts, and all furnishings and equipment shall be kept clean of food and debris and maintained in good condition. Interior rooms used by children shall not be cleaned by dry sweeping in the presence of children.

(b) *Trash and garbage.* Trash and garbage shall be stored in rodent proof containers with tightly fitted lids. Trash, garbage, and combustible materials shall not be stored in the furnace or boiler rooms or in rooms or outdoor areas adjacent to the facility that are ordinarily occupied by or accessible to children.

(c) *Toxic and poisonous materials to be contained.* All matches, lighters, medicines, drugs, cleaning materials, detergents, aerosol cans and other poisonous or toxic materials shall be stored in their original containers. Such materials shall be used in such a way that they will not contaminate play surfaces, equipment, food or food preparation areas or constitute a hazard to children. Such materials shall be kept in places that are inaccessible to children, and that can be securely locked.

(d) *Environmentally sensitive cleaning products.* Whenever feasible, programs shall utilize environmentally sensitive cleaning products, as defined in State Education Law §409-i, or successor statute.

§47.51 Rodents, insects and other pests prohibited; pesticide application notice.

(a) *Pest free premises.* Premises shall be kept free of rodents, insects and other pests and free of any condition conducive to rodent, insect and other pest life.

(b) *Pest control.* Pest control methods shall emphasize prevention of pest infestation by preventing the free movement of pests into, and within the premises and by eliminating the conditions conducive to pests such as clutter and the availability of food and water. Such methods shall include, but not be limited to: closing and filling holes, cracks, and gaps at baseboards, where plumbing, radiator and other pipes and conduits enter the premises, where food storage cabinets join walls, and where shelves meet food storage cabinet interiors, using plaster, spackle, caulk or other appropriate sealants: storing all food products in sealed insect and rodent proof containers; installing door sweeps to prevent pest movement between rooms and areas. When necessary to control pests, permittees shall utilize pest control services provided by exterminators certified to apply pesticides by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). Extermination logs shall be kept on site and maintained for inspection

by the NYSDEC. Permittees shall request that exterminators utilize the least toxic methods and substances to control infestations, including but not limited to the use of: boric acid, diatomaceous earth, silica gel, insecticidal baits and gels for cockroaches; and shall not utilize glue traps or rodenticidal bait unless inserted in tamper-resistant containers and placed in locations inaccessible to children. Routine extermination shall not include the use of insecticidal aerosol sprays or foggers. Exterminators' logs of pesticide applications equivalent in content to NYSDEC Form 44-15-26 (Applicator/Technician Pesticide Report) shall be kept on site for three years and made available to the Department upon request.

(c) *Notice of pesticide applications.* Notice of pesticide applications shall be provided to parents not less than 48 hours before such application and shall include:

- (1) location and specific dates of applications;
- (2) pesticide product name and U.S. EPA registration number;
- (3) the name and telephone number of a program staff person to contact for more information; and
- (4) the following statement: "This notice is to inform you of a pending pesticide application at this child care program/family shelter-based drop-off child supervision program. You may wish to discuss with a representative of the child care program/family shelter-based drop-off child supervision program what precautions are being taken to protect your child from exposure to these pesticides. Further information about the product or products being applied, including any warnings that appear on the label of the pesticide or pesticides that are pertinent to the protection of humans, animals, or the environment, can be obtained by calling the National Pesticide Telecommunication Network Information line at 1-800-858-7378 or the NYS Department of Health Center for Environmental Health Info Line at 1-800-458-1158."

§47.53 Pet animals.

No reptiles, dogs, cats, and any other animals whose possession is prohibited by Section 161.01 of this Code, or successor rule, shall be harbored in a facility. Any animals that are harbored in a facility shall be in good health, show no evidence of carrying any disease, and shall pose no threat to children. Pets shall be kept in cages, and waste material within cages shall be cleaned daily or more often, if needed.

§47.55 Equipment and furnishings.

(a) *Furnishings.*

(1) Tables, chairs, furniture and equipment must be age and size appropriate, finished with non-toxic surface coverings, easily cleanable, and cleaned and sanitized as needed, in a manner consistent with the health and safety of the children in the program.

(2) All items of large furniture and all electronic appliances capable of being tipped over due to design, height, weight, stability or other features must be secured to the floors or walls of such facility, using angle-braces, anchors or other anchoring devices. Any item of furniture or electronic device which cannot be so anchored must be removed from the child care facility.

(b) *Naps.*

(1) A separate firm sanitary cot, crib, mat, playpen or other sleeping arrangement specifically approved by the Department shall be provided for each child who spends more than four hours a day in the program.

(2) Stackable cribs shall be prohibited.

(3) Cots or other sleep equipment shall be placed at least two feet apart unless separated by a screen or partition.

(4) Pillows shall not be used for children under two years of age except when recommended by a child's health care provider.

(5) A clean sheet shall be provided for the exclusive use of each child.

(6) Blankets that are sufficient to maintain adequate warmth shall be made available for each child and shall be used when necessary.

(7) Sheets, pillows and blankets shall be stored separately for each child to avoid cross-contamination, and sheets, pillow cases and blankets shall be washed at least weekly.

(c) *Space for clothing.* Space shall be provided and arranged so that each child's outer garments may be hung separately, safely and within each child's reach.

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§47.57 Safety; general requirements.

(a) *Telephone service.* The permittee shall provide and maintain at least one dedicated land line listed telephone for emergency use, and shall conspicuously post adjacent to the telephone current telephone numbers and instructions for obtaining fire, police and emergency medical assistance, contacting the Department's poison control hotline and Bureau of Child Care, or successor program, and the SCR child abuse hotline.

(b) *Eliminate safety hazards.* Precautions shall be taken to eliminate all conditions in areas accessible to children that pose a safety or health hazard.

(c) *Choking hazards.* Handbags, backpacks, briefcases, or other personal items belonging to adults or children, plastic bags, toys and objects small enough for children to swallow shall be stored in manner that they are not accessible to children.

(d) *Cold weather.* When outdoor temperatures are below 55°F, and children are on premises, permittees shall maintain indoor air temperatures between 68°F and 72°F in all rooms, areas and other spaces used by children.

(e) *Heat advisories.* On designated heat advisory, excessive heat warnings or watches, or ozone or other air pollution advisory days, the permittee shall maintain physical comfort levels of children and staff by providing adequate facility ventilation and/or air conditioning. The permittee shall implement policies to increase children's fluid intake and facilitate adequate hydration. Activities shall be modified to protect children from heat associated disorders and conditions, including but not limited to heat stress and heat strain, and scheduled activities shall be otherwise restricted or cancelled in response to restrictions or recommendations of the New York City Office of Emergency Management or the National Weather Service. During severe weather or other advisories, the permittee shall take appropriate action to protect the safety and health of children, including but not limited to, early dismissal, closing of the program, and employing appropriate precautions during transportation. Such precautions shall be described in the written safety plan.

(f) *Approved areas to be used.* Children shall not be kept for any period of time in any areas of a building or other premises not previously approved by the Department and by FDNY and DOB or other appropriate government entities for such use. Such approval shall not be granted by the Department unless the premises and the area surrounding the premises are free from fire, traffic and other safety or health hazards.

(g) *Environmental hazards.* Programs obtaining a first permit after September 1, 2008, shall not be co-located in any building or other premises containing commercial or manufacturing establishments associated with environmental hazards including, but not limited to those

associated with dry cleaners, gas stations and petrochemical storage and distributors, automotive dealerships/maintenance or repair facilities, commercial printing, industrial/manufacturing plants and machine/equipment servicing, nuclear laboratories or power plants, or on premises identified as a federal or state superfund or other cleanup site, or any property with known contaminated ground or water supplies. No permit shall be issued or renewed for any program located in any building or other premises unless such building or premises are free of environmental hazards including but not limited to those identified above, or any other condition dangerous to life and health. When the permittee or the operators or other persons in control of any premises occupied by any program learn of a current or prior commercial activity or condition that may result in potential exposure to environmental hazards, such persons shall submit written notification on a form provided by or satisfactory to the Department of the existence of such activity or condition. When the Department determines that a condition may expose children or other persons to environmental hazards at the premises occupied by any program, it may order the abatement or remediation of such condition. In such cases as it deems necessary the Department may conduct and/or order the owner or other persons in control of the premises occupied by the program to conduct an environmental assessment consisting of but not limited to environmental sampling and to take such other action as it deems essential to protect the public health.

(h) *Adults restricted.* Adults allowed on the premises occupied by a program shall be limited to staff, parents and/or guardians and other authorized relatives and volunteers, student teacher trainees or observers, credentialed Department staff and other governmental inspectors, and persons providing authorized services to the program.

(1) *Authorized escorts.* The permittee must obtain and maintain for every child a list of the name, relationship to child, address and contact information of every person the parent has authorized to escort a child from the program. The permittee shall not release any child to any individual who has not been identified by the parent as a person who is authorized to escort a child out of the facility.

(2) *Notification to parents.* The permittee must notify parents that the Health Code requires that no child is permitted to leave the program at any time with any person whose name is not on file at the program as an authorized escort. If any other person appears to escort a child out of the program, the permittee must immediately verify with the parent that the parent has authorized the escort before allowing the child to leave the program.

(i) *Instructional swimming and aquatic activities.* Programs shall obtain written approval of the Department prior to offering any swimming or other aquatic activities. Aquatic activities for group child care programs or family shelter-based drop-off child supervision programs are limited to learn to swim or water safety programs that use a supervision protocol approved by the State Commissioner of Health to protect children from injury or drowning. When authorized by the Department, such activities shall be conducted in accordance with the program's written safety plan and the following requirements:

(1) *Facilities and equipment.*

(A) Programs may utilize only swimming pools operating pursuant to a permit issued by the Department, or other State permit issuing official, in accordance with Article 165 of this Code and Subpart 6-1 of the New York State Sanitary Code, or successor regulations.

(B) Swimming at bathing beaches, spa pools and in "fill and draw" pools is prohibited.

(C) Swimming pools or other bodies of water within the grounds of a facility shall be surrounded by a barrier sufficient to form an obstruction to children having access to such body of water in accordance with Article 165 of this Code.

(D) Barrier walls, fences and gates shall be at least six feet high, except for wading pools, which shall be enclosed by barriers at least four feet high, and shall be firmly attached to the adjacent ground, and shall completely enclose the pool or body of water.

(E) Pathways, walkways, decks, or other connecting entrance to the pool or body of water shall be obstructed by barriers that prevent children from having access to the pool or body of water.

(2) *Supervision: aquatic staff responsibilities and qualifications.*

(A) At least one qualified lifeguard shall be provided by the pool or the program for every 25 children or portion thereof and for every 3,400 square feet of pool surface area. Qualified lifeguards, as defined in Article 165 of this Code, shall actively supervise children participating in swimming and aquatic activities, as detailed in the written safety plan, and shall not be engaged in any other duties or activities that distract them from direct supervision of children in the pool.

(B) The permittee shall identify an employee to act as an aquatics director responsible for direct supervision of all swimming and aquatic activities. The aquatics director shall be present during all swimming and aquatic activities; shall establish and oversee all such activities on and off-site; and shall supervise all staff, volunteers, and children participating in these activities.

(C) During all swimming and aquatics activities, the aquatics director or designee shall have in his or her possession the approved written safety plan; and shall maintain for each swimming session an accountability system detailed in the written safety plan and approved by the Department for recording the name of each child, the swimming area to which the child is assigned, the adult to whom the child is assigned in the swimming area, and the dates and times of initiation and cessation of aquatic and swimming activities.

(D) The aquatics director shall:

(i) be at least 18 years of age;

(ii) possess either: a current CPR certificate, not exceeding one year in duration, in CPR for the Professional Rescuer issued by the American Red Cross (ARC); or a current CPR certificate, not exceeding one year in duration, issued by a certifying agency determined by the State Commissioner of Health to provide an adequate level of CPR training; and

(iii) be either:

(aa) a progressive swimming instructor who is a currently certified ARC water safety instructor or possesses a current certificate issued by certifying agency determined by the State Commissioner of Health to provide an adequate level of similar training ; or

(bb) a qualified lifeguard, as specified in the New York State Sanitary Code §7-2.5(g), or successor regulation, who meets lifeguarding, first aid and CPR certification requirements detailed in Part 6 of the State Sanitary Code including minimum lifeguard supervision level IIa.

(E) The permittee shall restrict swimming and aquatic activities to group sizes consistent with Sections 47.23(f) and 165.15 of this Code.

(F) At least one progressive swimming instructor (PSI) shall be provided by the pool or permittee during all learn-to-swim programs, and shall provide instruction to no more than 10 children in the water at one time. A PSI shall be in the water at all times with the children and shall not be engaged in any other duties or activities that distract from direct instruction of children in the pool. The PSI shall be:

(i) at least 18 years of age; and

(ii) be a water safety instructor currently certified by the American Red Cross, or possess a current certificate issued by a certifying agency determined by the State Commissioner of Health to provide an adequate level of similar training; and

(iii) possess either: a CPR certificate, not exceeding one year in duration, in CPR for the Professional Rescuer issued by the American Red Cross (ARC); or a current CPR certificate, not exceeding one year in duration, issued by a certifying agency determined by the State Commissioner of Health to provide an adequate level of CPR training.

(G) There shall be at least one staff member, parent, volunteer, or PSI located in the water in close proximity to children in the water, so as to provide immediate assistance to children in distress, with direct visual surveillance of:

(i) every two children in water that is less than chest deep as measured on the children; or

(ii) every one child in water that is greater than chest deep as measured on the children; or

(iii) every three children in the water if children are wearing non-inflatable, properly fitted flotation devices that are secured to their bodies.

(H) Staff members, parents, or volunteers in the water shall not be engaged in any other duties or activities that distract from direct supervision and support of children in the pool, and shall:

(i) be at least 18 years of age.

(ii) have their ability to swim established by the PSI prior to supervising children in the water. The PSI must assess their swimming capability, record the results, and incorporate them in the written safety plan which is maintained on file by the permittee.

(I) Learn-to-swim programs shall operate in water less than chest deep for all PSI, staff members, parents, and volunteers in the water.

(J) At least one staff member certified in pediatric CPR shall be present during all swimming and aquatic activities.

(3) *Child safety.*

(A) Children under 3 years of age are prohibited from participating in all swimming and aquatic activities.

(B) The written safety plan shall incorporate the safety requirements and supervision procedures applicable to swimming activities.

(C) An accountability system for supervising and accounting for children shall be established and detailed in the written safety plan approved by the Department, and shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) an accountability system which identifies each child by name, the swimming area to which the child is assigned, the adult to whom the child is assigned in the pool, and a record of the dates and times of initiation and cessation of aquatic and swimming activities.

(ii) accountability checks of the children are made at least every 15 minutes and results recorded in an accountability log or in accordance with the accountability system detailed in the program's written safety plan approved by the Department. Any logs maintained in connection with this requirement shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(D) The program's written safety plan shall specify duties of all staff in case of swimming and aquatic activity emergencies, including but not limited to emergency procedures for "lost swimmers."

(E) Prior to each swimming and aquatic activity, the aquatics director shall meet with all staff and volunteers assigned to the activity and review their roles and duties at the area,

including the children to whom each adult is assigned, and emergency procedures for "lost swimmers."

(F) Prior to every trip to an off-site swimming facility not owned by the program, the permittee shall obtain and maintain on file for each child a written consent from a parent or guardian. A consent form approved by the Department shall be incorporated in the written safety plan and shall include the child's name and age, the destination and type of activities authorized during the field trip, and the date of the trip.

(j) *Taking children off-site.* When scheduling off-site trips or activities, the permittee must designate from among the staff accompanying the children on the trip or activity a staff member to serve as a trip coordinator. The trip coordinator is responsible for overall child supervision and must accompany each group of children when they go to off-site locations. Staff/child ratios for each group on the trip or participating in the activity must be at least the same as the ratios required by Section 47.23 of this Code.

(1) *Staffing.* The trip coordinator shall determine whether and how many additional staff and/or adult volunteers are required to maintain constant line of sight supervision of each child during the time children are offsite in addition to maintaining the staff/child ratios required by Section 47.23 of this Code. The duties of the trip coordinator and instructions for determining the number of additional staff must be included in the program's written safety plan.

(2) *Child accountability.* A system for maintaining accountability for children must be detailed in the written safety plan and include, at a minimum, provisions for:

(A) *Name-to-face headcounts.* During each trip offsite, staff must conduct name-to-face headcounts before leaving the facility, upon arrival at the offsite location, at periodic intervals while at the location, before departing from the location and upon arrival back at the facility.

(B) *Identification of children.* The permittee must provide each child with a piece of clothing and/or other item that identifies and provides contact information for the program, but shall not include any child's given or family name.

§47.59 Fire safety.

(a) All exits shall have clear and legible illuminated exit signs. All exit signs and emergency lighting shall be maintained in working condition.

(b) Programs shall have approved fire extinguishers in good working order and have them inspected as required by the Fire Department.

(c) In a program holding a permit for more than 30 children, an approved interior fire alarm system shall be provided. All programs applying for a new permit or that are located in premises undergoing material alterations must be equipped with Fire Department approved interior fire alarm systems. Infant-toddler child care programs, and family shelter-based drop-off child supervision programs that supervise infants or toddlers, obtaining a new permit or that are located in premises undergoing material alterations must be equipped with a sprinkler system that complies with the New York City Building Code.

(d) Fire drills shall be conducted monthly and logged. Such logs shall be kept on site and made available to the Department and the Fire Department upon request.

(e) Heating apparatus shall be equipped with adequate protective guards. Space heaters shall not be used.

(f) Premises shall be free of electrical, chemical, mechanical and all other types of hazards.

(g) Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors with audible alarms shall be provided in accordance with applicable law or as required by the Department or the Fire Department, and shall be maintained in working condition.

§47.61 Food and food safety.

(a) Food shall be stored, served to, and prepared for children in accordance with Article 81 of this Code, except that no additional permit to operate a food service establishment shall be required. The permittee shall designate as a supervisor of food service operations a person who has a certificate in food protection issued pursuant to Section 81.15(a) (1) or (2) of this Code, or successor rule. Such person shall be on premises to supervise all food storage, preparation, cooking, holding, and cleaning activities, whenever such activities are in progress.

(b) Food supplied to children shall be wholesome, of good quality, properly prepared in accordance with nutritional guidelines provided or approved by the Department, age-appropriate in portion size and variety, and served at regular hours at appropriate intervals.

(1) Beverages with added sweeteners, whether artificial or natural, shall not be provided to children.

(2) Juice shall only be provided to children over two years of age, and only 100% juice shall be permitted. Children shall receive no more than four ounces of 100% juice per day.

(3) When milk is provided, children ages two and older shall only be served milk with 1% or less milk-fat unless milk with a higher fat content is medically required for an individual child, as documented by the child's medical provider.

(4) Water shall be made available and shall be easily accessible to children throughout the day, including at all meals. Potable drinking water supplies shall be located in or near classrooms and playrooms. Except when bubbler fountains are used, individual disposable drinking cups shall be provided within reach of children. If bubbler fountains are used, they shall be of the angle jet type with suitable guards and shall have water pressure sufficient to raise the water high enough above the spout to avoid contamination.

(5) Any special diet shall be provided only in accordance with a note from a physician, except that such diet may be provided without a physician's note for up to 90 days after admission for children who are homeless, as defined by Section 11434a of Chapter 119 of Title 42 of the United States Code, or in foster care.

(6) The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to programs operated by a religious organization in instances where religious dietary requirements would be inconsistent with such provisions.

(c) When parents or other responsible persons provide meals, such foods shall be properly refrigerated and the operator shall provide such persons with age-appropriate nutritional guidelines approved or provided by the Department.

(d) Milk shall be stored at a temperature below 41 degrees Fahrenheit, may not be kept beyond its expiration date, and may not be dispensed or served by children except under adequate supervision.

(e) Dry food shall be stored in insect and rodent-proof containers.

(f) All utensils, dishes and other materials used in association with food shall be properly cleaned and sanitized as required by the Department or disposed of after each use.

(g) Feeding bottles shall be marked with the child's full name and date of preparation.

(h) Unused portions of formula milk and/or baby food shall be discarded after each feeding or meal.

- (i) Bottles shall not be propped or kept by children while sleeping.
 - (j) Unless the program has a pending waiver application or has been issued a waiver, there must be no single use food service articles consisting of expanded polystyrene, such as foam containers, cups or plates, in the child care facility.
 - (k) The food service at a night child care program shall be provided as follows:
 - (1) Evening meals shall be served at the same time daily.
 - (2) Breakfast shall be provided for all children who have been at the facility through the night and are present between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m.
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§47.63 Lead-based paint restricted.

(a) *Peeling lead-based paint prohibited.*

(1) There shall be no peeling lead-based paint or peeling paint of unknown lead content on any surface in a facility.

(2) Peeling lead-based paint and peeling paint of unknown lead content shall be immediately abated or remediated upon discovery by the permittee, or the owner of a building in which a program is located, regardless of whether there has been an inspection or order issued by the Department, in accordance with Section 173.14 of this Code.

(3) When there has been an order to abate or remediate lead-based paint hazards issued by the Department, the permittee, or the owner of the building in which the program is located must use only the methods specified in such order.

(A) After such order has been served by the Department, the permittee must post the notices required by § 173.14(e)(1)(A) of this Code at or near the entrance of the facility.

(B) The permittee must comply with the requirements of the order within 21 days after service of the order. Where compliance with the time period requirements of this subdivision would cause undue hardship and the permittee demonstrates a good faith effort to timely comply, such as by showing that it has taken steps to remediate, including by retaining a contractor to conduct the remediation, and demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Department that it is maintaining adequate controls to protect children from a lead-based paint hazard, the Department may, at its discretion, extend the time period for compliance.

(4) When the Department finds a lead-based paint hazard as defined in Section 173.14(b) of this Code, or a lead dust hazard as defined in EPA 40 CFR 745.227(h)(3)(i), on the interior of the facility, or concentrations of lead in the paint of the exterior surfaces of the facility, that may be creating a danger to health, it may in such cases as it deems essential, order the abatement or remediation of any such condition in a manner and under such safety conditions as it may specify. The Department may also order the removal or covering of soil appurtenant to any facility when it determines that there are concentrations of lead in such soil which exceed allowable limits of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency published in 40 CFR Part 745 or successor regulations and further determines that such concentrations may be dangerous to health.

(5) The work practices of Section 173.14 of this Code shall not apply to repair and maintenance work in a facility which disturbs surfaces of less than two square feet of peeling lead-based paint per room or 10 percent of the total surface area of peeling paint on a type of component with a small surface area, such as a window sill or door frame.

(6) Maintenance staff workers in facilities that contain lead based paint or paint of unknown lead content, and who regularly do repair work that may disturb such paint, shall attend a HUD/EPA approved 8-hour course on lead safe work practices in accordance with Section 173.14(2)(b) of this Code.

(7) Children shall not be present and shall not have access to any room undergoing abatement, remediation or other work which disturbs lead-based paint or paint of unknown lead content until after completion of final clean-up and clearance dust testing.

(8) The permittee, or the owner of a building in which a program is located, in which paint has not been tested by X-ray fluorescent (XRF) analysis by or on behalf of the Department for lead content, may object to an order issued to remediate peeling lead-based paint or peeling paint of unknown lead content, by submitting evidence satisfactory to the Department that the surface of any component cited in the order as requiring remediation does not contain lead-based paint, as follows:

(A) Such evidence shall consist of a sworn written statement by the person who performed the testing on behalf of the permittee, or building owner supported by: lead-based paint testing or sampling results, including a description of the testing methodology and manufacturer and model of instrument used to perform such testing or sampling; a copy of the certificate of training of the certified lead-based paint inspector or risk assessor; a copy of the inspection report of the inspector or risk assessor, including a description of the surfaces in each room where such testing or sampling was performed; and a copy of the results of XRF testing and/or such laboratory tests of paint chip samples performed by an independent laboratory certified by the state of New York where such testing has been performed.

(B) Such written statement and all supporting documentation shall be submitted to the department not later than 30 days before the date set for compliance with an order to remediate, and shall only be submitted where the Department has not performed an XRF test prior to issuing such order. Receipt by the Department of a complete application in accordance with this paragraph including such written statement and such supporting documentation shall toll the time period to comply with the order. Receipt of an incomplete application shall not toll the time period for compliance with the order.

(C) The Department shall notify the applicant of its determination in writing, and, if the Department rejects the application, such notice shall set a date for compliance.

(D) The performance of lead-based paint testing shall be in accordance with the definition of lead-based paint established in Section 173.14 of this Code. Laboratory analysis of paint chip samples shall be permitted only where XRF tests fall within the inconclusive zone for the particular XRF machine or where the configuration of the surface or component to be tested is such that an XRF machine cannot accurately measure the lead content of such surface or component. Laboratory tests of paint chip samples, where performed, shall be reported in mg/cm^2 , unless the surface area of a paint chip sample cannot be accurately measured, or if an accurately measured paint chip sample cannot be removed, in which circumstance the laboratory test may be reported in percent by weight. Where paint chip sampling has been performed, the sworn written statement by the person who performed the testing shall include a statement that such sampling was done in accordance with 40 CFR §745.227 or successor provision.

(E) Testing for lead-based paint may only be conducted by a person who has been certified as a lead-based paint inspector or risk assessor in accordance with subparts L and Q of 40 CFR part 745 or successor provisions and such testing shall be performed in accordance with 40 CFR §745.227(a) and (b) or successor provisions.

(b) *Child care programs in operation prior to May 1, 1997.* No child care program permit shall be issued or renewed, unless all interior window sills and window wells *accessible* to children, chewable surfaces, deteriorated subsurfaces, friction surfaces, or impact surfaces, and such other surfaces in the facility as may be determined by the Department, containing or covered with lead-based paint or paint of unknown lead content shall have been abated or remediated in accordance with Section 173.14 of this Code or as otherwise directed by the Department.

(c) *Programs commencing operation on or after May 1, 1997.* No program which received its first permit or which, if no permit was previously required, commenced operation after May 1, 1997, shall be issued a permit where there is lead-based paint on any interior surface in its facility.

(d) *All paint or other similar surface coating material on furniture and equipment shall be lead-free.*

(e) *Annual survey.* At least once each year the permittee operating a program in which any surfaces are covered with lead-based paint or paint of unknown origin must conduct a survey of the condition of all such surfaces. The permittee must note the results of the survey on a form provided by or approved by the Department. The survey form must include, but need not be limited to, the following: the date of the survey; a description of, and the location of, each surface surveyed and remediation status, if applicable. The permittee must provide a copy of the survey results to the Department.

(1) Submission of such survey to the Department must be on or before the permit issuance date, or the anniversary thereof.

(2) Copies of such survey results may be submitted to the Department by mail, fax or electronically.

(3) Within 30 days of submitting the annual survey results to the Department, the permittee must notify the parent or guardian of each child attending the program of the results of the annual survey. Such notice may be provided electronically if the permittee routinely communicates with parents or guardians electronically and may refer to detailed results on a website if such results are maintained there. The permittee must maintain documentation on premises indicating the date on which such notice was provided. A copy of the notice and proof of the date when such notification was made must be made available to the Department immediately upon request. If such records are maintained electronically, Department staff must be allowed to access such records while on-site.

(f) *Declaration pursuant to Administrative Code §17-145.* The existence of a lead-based paint hazard in a facility, or failure to comply with this section or Section 173.14 of this Code in correcting such hazard, is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance and a condition dangerous to life and health, pursuant to §17-145 of the Administrative Code. Every person obligated to comply with the provisions of this section of this Code is hereby ordered to abate or remediate such nuisance by complying with any order or direction issued by the Department.

(g) *Failure to comply with Department orders.* In the event that the Department determines that a permittee, or the owner of a building in which a program is located has failed to substantially comply with an order issued pursuant to this section within 45 days after service thereof, the Department shall, in accordance with §17-911(d) of the Administrative Code, request an agency of the City to execute such order pursuant to the provisions of §17-147 of the Administrative Code.

(h) *Definitions.* Except as otherwise provided, all terms used in this section shall have the same meanings as the terms defined in Section 173.14 of this Code.

§47.65 Transportation.

(a) Motor vehicles used to transport children to or from a program shall comply with all requirements of the New York State Department of Transportation specified in 17 NYCRR Part 720 or successor rule, and shall prominently display a current certificate of inspection issued by or on behalf of the State Department of Transportation, and shall be operated in accordance with all applicable law.

(b) A program that provides transportation facilities shall supervise the transportation so as to preserve the health, safety and comfort of the children.

(c) All children shall be secured in safety seats or by safety belts as appropriate for the age of the child in accordance with the requirements of the Vehicle and Traffic Law before any child may be transported in a motor vehicle where such transportation is provided for or arranged for by the operator.

(d) When transportation is provided by or on behalf of the program, the driver of the vehicle may not be included in the staff/child ratios.

(e) A transportation schedule shall be arranged so that no child will regularly travel more than one hour between his or her home and the place where the program is operated.

(f) *Parental consent.* The permittee shall obtain and maintain on file written consent from the parent or guardian for any transportation of children that is provided or arranged for by the permittee, including, but not limited to, trips to an offsite park, playground or library. The consent form shall include the child's name and age, the destination, mode of transportation, whether by motor vehicle, mass transit, walking, carriage, buggy, or on foot, and the maximum length of travel time and the types of activities children will engage in at the offsite location.

(g) *Documentation of transfers.* The permittee must supervise and document all transfers of children between the program and drivers of school buses and other vehicles provided by the program or by a transportation service under contract with the program and must incorporate its policies and procedures for transfers and transportation in the program's written safety plan. A permittee must be able to immediately verify that no child has at any time been left on a school bus, other vehicle or other means of transportation without appropriate adult supervision. At a minimum, the written safety plan must describe how the permittee will maintain the following minimum accountability procedures:

(1) Transfer supervision, including name-to-face visual identification and confirmation for each child received from or delivered to a driver.

(2) Providing drivers with updated lists daily of the names and addresses of children who are scheduled to receive transportation services on each route, and completing and maintaining a daily log of children placed aboard vehicles for transport home. Such logs shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request.

(3) Drivers employed by the permittee or a transportation contractor must maintain a daily trip log with the names of the driver and other staff of the permittee or transportation service assigned to the vehicle to maintain supervision; the name, address, and contact information of the contractor transport service, if applicable; the name of each child and the times of entry and departure from the transport vehicle. A paper or electronic copy of the log must be given to the permittee when children arrive at the facility.

(4) Permittees must maintain all required records on site for at least six months and make such records available to the Department upon request.

§47.67 Child development policies, activities, rest periods and clothing.

(a) *Activities.* A program's activities shall be varied in order to promote the physical, intellectual, and emotional well-being of the children. Corporal punishment and humiliating or frightening methods of control shall be prohibited. Food, rest or isolation shall not be used as a means of punishment. Punitive methods of toilet training are prohibited.

(b) *Schedules.* A written daily schedule of program activities and routines which offer reasonable regularity, including snack and meal periods, nap and rest periods, indoor and outdoor activities, and activities which provide children with opportunities for learning and self-expression in small and large groups is required. When night care is provided, this schedule shall include routine personal hygiene, including changing into night clothes, brushing teeth, and washing before bed in the manner to be agreed between the parent and the operator.

(c) *Child behavior management.* A written policy regarding management of the behavior of children, consistent with the requirements of this Article, shall be distributed to every staff member, posted in a prominent location within the facility and made available to parents upon request. Permittees shall act consistently with such policy.

(d) *Parents.*

(1) *Unrestricted access.* Parents shall have unrestricted access to their children at all times, unless an Order of Protection prevents access.

(2) *Enrollment and orientation.* At the time children are enrolled in a program, parents must be provided with information that acquaints parents with the policies and procedures of the program for supervision, attendance, admission, discharge, emergency and illness management as specified in the written safety plan and the requirements of this Code, and a copy of the Department brochure, "How to Get Information about Child Care Programs in New York City," or successor publication.

(3) *Video surveillance.* The parents of all children receiving care or supervision in a facility equipped with video surveillance cameras installed for the purpose of allowing parents to view their children in the facility by means of the internet shall be informed in writing that cameras will be used for this purpose. All staff of the program also shall be informed in writing if video surveillance cameras will be used for this purpose. The program shall make available copies of such notices to the Department upon request.

(A) All parents of children enrolled in the program and all staff of the program shall be made aware of the locations of all video surveillance cameras used at the facility.

(B) Programs opting to install and use video surveillance equipment shall comply with all law applicable to the use of such equipment.

(C) Video surveillance cameras may not be used as a substitute for competent direct supervision of children.

(D) Programs opting to allow parents to view their children in the child care setting by means of the internet shall use and maintain adequate internet security measures at all times. Such measures include but are not limited to: passwords that are frequently changed that enable parents to access the internet site for viewing children; filtering measures that prohibit public access to or viewing of child care or supervision activities via the internet; and immediate corrective action in response to any report of abuse of the system or inappropriate access. Such programs shall also advise the parents having access to views of the program through the internet of the importance of security in regard to such viewing and of the importance of the privacy rights of other children who may be viewed.

(E) Video surveillance cameras shall be used only to transmit images of children in common rooms, hallways and play areas. Bathrooms and changing areas shall remain private and free of all video surveillance equipment.

(F) Programs that use video surveillance equipment shall allow inspectors and other representatives of the Department to have access to such equipment and to have viewing privileges as required by the Department.

(e) *Children shall be comforted when distressed.*

(f) *Safe sleep environment for infants.*

- (1) An infant/toddler child care program or family shelter-based drop-off child supervision program providing services to infants or toddlers must provide a safe sleep environment for each infant, consisting of a single crib or bassinet per child that is approved by the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, and that complies with standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International for infant sleep equipment; and a firm crib mattress specifically designed for the equipment used, covered by a tight fitting sheet flush with the sides of the crib/bassinet. The crib or bassinet must be free of bumper pads, pillows or sleep positioning devices not medically prescribed, loose bedding, blankets, toys and other possible suffocation risks. No child care facility subject to this Article may use or have on the premises any crib bumper pad unless a medical professional has determined that use of a crib bumper pad is medically necessary for a particular child using a crib in such child care facility.
- (2) *Positioning.* Infants must be placed in a supine position unless written medical instructions directing otherwise are provided by the infant's primary health care provider. The program must maintain written medical instructions and make the instructions available for inspection by the Department. Infants capable of turning over by themselves in any direction may remain in the position the infant attains.
- (3) *Prohibitions.* Infants must not be allowed to sleep or nap in a car safety seat except during transportation. Infants must not be allowed to sleep on bean bag chairs, futons, bouncy seats, infant swing or highchairs, playpens or other furniture/equipment not designed and approved for infant sleep purposes and meeting safe sleep environment criteria. Infants found sleeping in other than a safe sleep environment must be moved to a safe sleep environment upon discovery. Only one infant may occupy a single crib or bassinet at any given time.
- (4) *Bedding.* Bedding must be changed prior to placing an infant in a crib or bassinet previously occupied by another infant.
- (5) *Choking, tangling hazards.* Bibs, necklaces, and garments with ties or hoods must be removed prior to placing an infant in a crib or bassinet.
- (g) Each child in full time child care shall have a quiet, relaxed period of approximately one hour a day. Shorter, comparable periods of quiet and relaxation shall be provided for each child who spends less time in a program.

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§47.69 Night child care.

(a) *Information required.* A night child care program shall include in each child's record the arrangements provided for care when the child is not in night child care as well as information regarding family bedtime routines and other information which would assist staff in providing a smooth transition for the child.

(b) *Time in night child care program limited.* No child shall spend more than 12 hours in a night child care program in any 24 hour period.

(c) *Services.* A night child care program shall have services that incorporate the following elements:

(1) When possible, children shall be left for care before and picked up after their normal sleeping period so that there are minimal disturbances of the child during sleep.

(2) The program shall facilitate a relaxed atmosphere characterized by informal quiet activities.

(3) Scheduling shall reflect the need for regularity in meeting basic needs such as relaxation, meals, self-care/hygiene and sleep.

§47.71 Physical activity and limits on television viewing.

(a) *Physical activity.* Each program shall provide age and developmentally appropriate physical activity.

(1) Children ages 12 months or older attending a full-day program shall be scheduled to participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity per day. Children attending less than a full day program shall be scheduled to participate in a proportionate amount of such activities. For children ages three and older, at least 30 of the 60 minutes shall be structured and guided physical activity. The remainder of the physical activity may be concurrent with other active play, learning and movement activities.

(2) Structured and guided physical activity shall be facilitated by teachers and/or caregivers and shall promote basic movement, creative movement, motor skills development, and general coordination.

(3) Permittees shall document structured and guided physical activities. Such documentation shall be kept on site and made available to the Department upon request. This documentation shall be included in the program daily schedule and program lesson/activity plans.

(4) Children shall not be allowed to remain sedentary or to sit passively for more than 30 minutes continuously, except during scheduled rest or naptime.

(b) *Play equipment.* In the indoor and outdoor play areas, the permittee shall make available sufficient equipment, appropriate to the stage of development of the children, and designed to foster physical and motor development, and that shall enable all children to engage in structured and guided physical activities.

(c) *Outdoor play.*

(1) Adequate periods of outdoor play shall be provided daily for all children, except during inclement weather.

(2) During outdoor play, children shall be dressed appropriately for weather and temperature. In inclement weather, active play shall be encouraged and supported in safe indoor play areas.

(d) *Television viewing.*

(1) Television, video and other visual recordings shall not be used with children under two years of age.

(2) For children ages two and older, viewing of television, videos, and other visual recordings shall be limited to no more than 30 minutes per week of educational programming or programming that actively engages child movement.

(3) Children attending less than a full-day program shall be limited to a proportionate amount of such viewing.

§47.73 Required postings.

(a) The permittee shall maintain an updated copy of this Code and make it available to all staff.

(b) The permittee shall post the following at the front door of its public entrance where staff, parents and others may review them:

(1) The current permit securely encased in a weather-resistant glass or plastic protective frame;

(2) A sign provided or approved by the Department stating that the Department's most recent summary inspection report for the program may be obtained from the Department's website, or by calling 311, and that complaints about the program may be made to, and more information about requirements for operation of programs may be obtained by calling 311; and

(3) The valid relevant performance summary card posted in accordance with Chapter 3 of Title 24 of the rules of the City of New York.

§47.75 Modification of provisions.

(a) *Modification by Department.* When the Department determines that the strict application of any provision of this Article presents practical difficulties, the Commissioner or their designee may, in a specific instance, modify the application of such provision consistent with the general purpose of this Article and upon condition(s) the Department deems necessary to protect life and health. Failure to comply with the terms of a modification may render such modification null and void and result in enforcement by the Department. The denial of a request for modification by the Commissioner shall be deemed a final agency determination.

(b) *Fee waiver.* Upon the submission of proof satisfactory to the Commissioner that an applicant for a permit is a program which is fully funded by the Administration for Children's Services (ACS), the New York City Human Resources Administration, the New York City Department of Homeless Services, or a successor agency, as an ACS Group Child Care Center, Head Start or other child care or supervision program, the permit fee required by Article 5 of this Code shall be waived. Such waiver shall continue in effect provided the applicant program remains fully funded.

§47.77 Closing and enforcement.

(a) *Imminent health hazards.*

(1) When the Department determines that any program is being operated in a manner that may give rise to an imminent health hazard, or is maintaining one or more conditions that constitute an imminent health hazard, or that its operation otherwise presents a risk of endangering the health or safety of children or other persons, the Commissioner may order such program to close and to discontinue operations, suspending its permit, without further proceedings, by service of an order upon the permittee, or other person(s) managing or in control of such program. An order issued pursuant to this section shall provide the permittee, or other person(s) in control, an opportunity to be heard and to show cause why such program should not remain closed until there are changed circumstances, or the correction, removal or abatement of the dangerous or detrimental condition(s).

(2) The Commissioner may require any permittee that consistently fails to correct imminent or repeat, serious violations to prepare a corrective action plan in which factors contributing to violations are analyzed and a plan is created to address and correct violations. When, in the opinion of the Commissioner, a permittee is unable or unwilling to write or implement a corrective action plan that adequately protects the health and safety of children, the

Commissioner shall provide the permittee with an opportunity to show cause at a hearing why its permit should not be suspended or revoked.

(b) *Operating without a permit.* Operating any program without a currently valid permit shall be deemed to present an imminent health hazard to children in attendance, for which such program shall be ordered closed without further proceedings.

(c) *Additional operating terms and conditions authorized.* If the Department determines that the reopening of a program that has been ordered closed and its continuing operation will not present any risk to any person, the Department may authorize such reopening and may impose such additional conditions upon continuing operation that it deems necessary to avoid recurrence of imminent health hazards.

(d) *Service of orders.* Service of any order issued pursuant to this Article may be made upon any person to whom the order is addressed, to a permittee, to a person required to hold a permit or upon any other person of suitable age and discretion who is asserting ownership, management or control of such program. Service of any order may be made in any manner provided in Section 3.05(b) of this Code, or successor provision, and may be delivered to the home or business address of the permittee listed in the permit issued by the Commissioner, or in the permit application or at the place where the program is being operated.

(e) *Posting orders to close; notifying parents.* Upon issuing an order to close a program for any reason, the Department shall post a copy of the order at the entrance to the premises subject to such order, and shall notify and provide a copy of the closing order to the parents or other persons who arrive at the program to pick up children attending the program.

(f) *Padlocking.* Upon finding that any order issued pursuant to this section has not been complied with, the Department may, without further notice, seal or padlock the premises where services are provided and take any other measures deemed necessary to obtain compliance with the order.

(g) *Operation in violation of order prohibited.* No person shall remove a padlock, seal or an order posted pursuant to this section, or open to the public or operate a program in violation of an order issued pursuant to this section.

(h) *Other actions.* In addition to any action authorized by this Article or Article 5 of this Code, the Commissioner may refuse to renew, or may revoke or deny issuance of a permit if:

(1) the programs's permit was ordered suspended more than once during the past 36 months, or

(2) the program's permit was previously ordered suspended for having lost a child, or another instance of inadequate supervision or for inappropriate behavioral management of children; or

(3) the permittee failed to submit or implement a fully responsive corrective action plan; or

(4) a permit applicant or permittee continued operating a program when a permit was either ordered suspended or the program was ordered closed for operating without a permit; or

(5) the Commissioner determines that a permittee is unable or unwilling to correct a pattern of serious, repeated violations including, but not limited to, those defined as imminent health hazards; or

(6) the Commissioner finds out after issuing a permit that a previous or current permit, license, registration or other authorization to operate a program, held by the permittee, or any officer, manager or director of the permitted entity, was or is being suspended or revoked in any jurisdiction.

(i) *Department authority not limited by this section.* Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the authority of the Department to take any action it deems appropriate, including issuance of notices of violation seeking monetary penalties for violations cited by the Department, or

commencement of a proceeding or action provided for by this Code or other applicable law, including actions or issuance orders of denying, suspending, or revoking permits.

(j) *Effect of permit revocation.* When a permit has been ordered revoked by the Commissioner, and the Commissioner finds that the circumstances resulting in revocation show that the permittee or other persons exercising management and control are unable or unwilling to operate a program in compliance with this Code, an application for a new permit will not be accepted for at least five years from the date revoked from either the permittee or from any individual person exercising management and control of the program that had its permit revoked.

§47.79 Construction and severability.

This Article shall be liberally construed for the protection of the health of children attending programs regulated by this Article. If any provision of this Article is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this Article.