



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Circular Letter DEH #2001-10

MEMORANDUM

TO: Director of Health
Chief Sanitarians

FROM: Frank A. Schaub *FAS*
Supervising Sanitary Engineer

DATE: April 19, 2001

RE: Section 19-13-B100a and Licensed Child Day Care Facilities

As you know, the Department of Public Health is required to license all child day care facilities in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 19a-87b. These facilities include family day care homes, group day care homes and child day care centers. The emphasis of this memo is to clarify local health department involvement with respect to the smallest of these facilities, the family day care home.

The statutes define a family day care home as "a private family home caring for not more than six children, including the provider's own children not in school full-time, where the children are cared for not less than three (3) nor more than twelve (12) hours during a 24-hour period and where care is given on a regularly recurring basis except that care may be provided in excess of twelve (12) hours but not more than seventy-two (72) consecutive hours to accommodate a need for extended care or intermittent short-term overnight care. During the regular school year, a maximum of three additional children who are in school full-time including the providers own children, shall be permitted, except that if the provider has more than three children who are in school full-time, all of the provider's children shall be permitted." In reality, the family day care homes typically take care of pre-school children during the normal working hours and sometimes school age children who are cared for at the facility until parents arrive for pickup after work. Family day care homes are inspected and approved by Department of Public Health staff and are not required to be inspected by local health departments as part of the licensing process. DPH staff do notify local health agencies of pending family day care home applications to determine if any nuisance conditions or potential public health threats exists on the properties being considered.

Over the past few months, several health departments have contacted our office to request clarification with respect to Section 19-13-B100a as it relates to family day care homes. We have met with our licensing section, reviewed appropriate regulations and statutes and sought informal clarification from our assistant attorney general to assure no conflict in regulations exist. Based upon our analysis of the information available, we would not consider a family day care home to be a change in use as defined in Section 19-13-B100a(a)(3) of the Public Health Code. The limited flows generated by the home occupant caring for a small number of children, many of whom may be in diapers, would be considered a negligible discharge therefore, would not have to be reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 19-13-B100a. The larger group day care homes which can have up to twelve (12) related or unrelated children and the much larger day care centers caring for twelve (12) or more related or unrelated children would be considered a change of use if an applicant were to request start up of this activity in a residence not previously licensed for home child care.

As previously noted, the Child Care Licensing Section would appreciate your cooperation with respect to notification of any existing or potential health threats to all child day care facilities. It is essential we work together to provide a safe healthful environment for the care of our young children.

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Precast Concrete Plant Tour

June 20, 2001 8:30-12:00PM

We are collaborating with the Connecticut Environmental Health Association (CEHA) to continue the training on installation of properly constructed septic tanks and pump chambers. CEHA has scheduled a half day site visit at United Concrete Products, 173 Church Street (Route 68) in Wallingford. The plant tour will cover the concrete manufacturing process, casting of septic tanks, galleries, D-boxes and other concrete products (in progress), the cast in seals, vacuum testing, water testing and extension of manholes to grade. Vacuum and water testing will be performed while the tour is on going. Depending on response, additional sessions may be scheduled at other manufacturer facilities in the near future. This educational session is directed at health department sanitarians, engineers, and licensed installers.

Speakers include:

Welcome – Donald Mitchell, RS, CEHA
Peter and Jonathan Gavin, United Concrete
Larry Marcik, PE, Consulting Engineer to United Concrete
DPH Environmental Engineering Section Staff

Coffee and refreshments will be provided at break time.

Registration starts at 8:30 AM Tour begins promptly at 9:00 AM

A \$5.00 Registration Fee Will be Required for Each Attendee
Make Checks Payable to CEHA

Attendance will be limited to the first eighty applicants.

Mail your name and checks to:
(respond by 6/11/01)

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