



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
OFFICE OF CHILDHOOD - CHILD CARE COMPLIANCE

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION OF
SUBSTANTIATED STATUTE OR RULE VIOLATIONS

DATE OF REPORT
12/14/2021

DVN
002738774

FACILITY NAME

LITTLE SUNSHINE'S PLAYHOUSE & PRESCHOOL

FACILITY ADDRESS

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CITY

O FALLON

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RULE/STATUTE VIOLATION(S)

VIOLATION(S)

5 CSR 25-500.082(3)(A)3.

Toilet and handwashing facilities shall be in working order and convenient for the children's use.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On December 14, 2021, the Office of Childhood received an allegation that the toilet in the Under the Sea Room was out of order and filled with black mold, feces, or sewage. The allegation is substantiated and the following licensing rule is in violation:

5 CSR 25-500.082(3)(A)3: which states: "Toilet and handwashing facilities shall be in working order and convenient for the children's use."

On December 21, 2021, director Jennifer Kostecki, caregiver Aspen Singleton, and caregiver Alex Brandt stated that the toilet in the Under the Sea classroom was not working.

On December 21, 2021, CI Spaulding observed the toilet to not be functioning properly in the Under the Sea Room.

VIOLATION(S)

5 CSR 25-500.192(2)(B)

Each child's parent(s) shall be notified immediately when any contagious disease occurs in the facility.

5 CSR 25-500.192(2)(G)

The ill child shall be kept isolated from the other children until the parent(s) arrives.

CONCLUSION SUMMARY

On December 21, 2021, the Office of Childhood received an allegation that a staff member ended up getting Hand, Foot, and Mouth because there was a child there with open blisters and running a fever. The staff did not isolate the child which exposed other children and other staff. Based on interviews with staff of Little Sunshine's Playhouse & Preschool, the allegation is substantiated and the following licensing rules are in violation:

5 CSR 25-500.192(2)(B): which states: "Each child's parent(s) shall be notified immediately when any contagious disease occurs in the facility."

On December 21, 2021, director Jennifer Kostecki stated that only the parents of children in the infant/toddler rooms were notified of a contagious illness within the facility.

5 CSR 25-500.192(2)(G): which states: "The ill child shall be kept isolated from the other children until the parent(s) arrives."

On December 21, 2021, caregiver Aspen Singleton stated that on an unknown date, there was a child that she requested a temperature check to be completed on from the office. After the third request, this child's temperature was taken and this child did have a fever.

On December 21, 2021, caregiver Alex Bryant stated that on an unknown date, there was a child in the classroom that had a fever. This child's parent was notified and it was several hours before the child's parent arrived to pick the child up. This ill child remained in the classroom with the other children until the parent picked up.

CORRECTIVE MEASURES

CORRECTIVE MEASURE	COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
The facility shall ensure that all facility toilets are in good condition and working order at all times. Photo documentation shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood that the toilet in the Under the Sea classroom is clean and in working order.	Yes	12/28/2021
CORRECTIVE MEASURE	COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
The facility shall conduct a staff meeting to review the center's policies and all licensing rules and regulations regarding notification to parents of contagious illness. The facility must provide the Office of Childhood with a statement, signed by all staff (paid employees or unpaid volunteers), to indicate they understand and agree to follow those rules and regulations.	Yes	6/6/2022
CORRECTIVE MEASURE	COMPLETED (Y/N)	COMPLETED DATE
The facility shall ensure that children are kept isolated when ill and parents are notified of communicable illnesses. A statement of how this will occur shall be submitted to the Office of Childhood.	Yes	6/6/2022

DISPOSITION

SUBSTANTIATED

DISPOSITION DATE

1/12/2022

APPROVING SUPERVISOR

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