

Frequently Asked Questions

Vermont Registered and Licensed Family Child Care Home Regulations

For additional information please review the Registered and Licensed Family Child Care Home (FCCH) [Regulations](#) and [Guidance Manual](#).

1. What is a reasonable amount of liability insurance?

This question relates to FCCH rule 2.3.7.6. It means the typical amount offered for liability insurance. When you contact an agent about child care liability insurance, they will tell you the typical amount.

2. What are all of the applicable requirements of the Vermont Division of Fire Safety and of the U.S.A with Disabilities Act?

This question relates to FCCH rule 2.3.7.8. This applies to applicants and would be a conversation between the licensing field specialist and the applicant based on the type of home and concerns identified and required to be addressed during the application process. Common examples include things like accessibility to the home and safe exit routes for an emergency evacuation.

3. Will I need to do lead water testing in the future?

Yes. In 2019, the Governor signed Vermont statute 18 V.S.A. § 1243 which requires ongoing lead water testing. In 2020, Vermont Department of Health implemented regulations that specify testing requirements. Vermont Department of Health's website provides information on lead water testing requirements: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/environmental/lead-testing-drinking-water-schools-and-child-care-facilities-2019-20>. FCCH rule 2.3.10.5 requires you comply with the Vermont Department of Health regulations regarding lead water testing.

4. Do parents need to sign their children in and out or is that something I can do?

This question relates to FCCH rule 3.3.3. This licensing rule requires attendance is maintained to include documenting the time children arrived and left. The licensing rule doesn't say who has to actually record the information. The FCCP, Family Child Care Assistant, Trainee, or Substitute may be the one to sign children in and out. If parents are asked to sign their child in and out, it is important to remember that parents may forget especially if they are in a hurry. The FCCP may need to do it when the parent forgets to ensure compliance is maintained to this rule.

5. Do the parents need to wash hands at drop off and pick up?

This question is related to FCCH rule 5.2.1.1. The intent of this rule is that anyone staying would wash their hands. So it isn't expected that parents who are picking up and dropping off their children would wash their hands. If parents are going to stay to assist/volunteer, then the rule would apply to them as it does anyone else spending this kind of time in the program.

6. Does the type of cot or rest mat matter?

This question is related to FCCH rule 5.4.1.4. This licensing rule requires that a cot or mat be non-porous which means it can be cleaned. Mats are often vinyl and cots often are a coated mesh material that is able to be cleaned. The rule also clarifies that children may not nap directly on the nonporous covering which means they need to have something like a blanket or sleeping bag.

7. Can Infant/Child CPR and First Aid be taken online?

Yes. We are continuing to implement the fully online option to complete infant/child CPR and pediatric first aid. Until further notice, you may choose a fully online infant/child CPR and pediatric first aid training. Please be sure to note the expiration date for certification as some fully online training organizations may issue shorter certification periods when there isn't a hands-on skills component completed in addition to the online portion of the training. Documentation will be verified and entered in your BFIS Quality and Credential Account by Northern Lights at CCV staff. This also applies to new staff that do not have certification in infant/child CPR and pediatric first aid.