

Child Care Connection

MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau

March 2022

“Bridging the gap between Child Care Providers and MSDH Child Care Licensure Bureau in order to provide a safe and healthy environment for Mississippian children and families.”

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CHILD CARE REGULATIONS AMENDMENTS-REMINDERS

On January 12, 2022, the Mississippi Board of Health approved amendments to the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Child Care Facilities & the Regulations Governing Licensure of Child Care Facilities for 12 or Fewer Children in the Operator’s Home. The amendments will become effective February 12, 2022 and will be in full force on July 1, 2022. Below are a few reminders and important links to help you with the process.

LINKS:

New CC Regulations 2022 - https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/resources/78.pdf

CHRC main page - https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/30,0,206.html

LiveScan locations by county - https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/resources/17159.pdf

CHRC Payment Portal - https://www.ms.gov/msdh/background_check/Home/Index

CHRC Fingerprint portal where you find your letters - <https://apps.msdh.ms.gov/FTS/Login/Default.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fffts%2f>

LARS Database - <https://www.msdhcc.webapps.ms.gov/home.aspx>

CC Regs Training Packet: https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/resources/10025.pdf

AMENDED REGULATIONS:

Subchapter 5 – Personnel Requirements

Rule 1.5.2 Criminal Record (Fingerprinting), Child Abuse Central Registry Checks and Sex Offender Records Checks.

Subchapter 6 – Records

Rule 1.6.3 – Facility Records

Rule 1.6.4 - Personnel Records

Rule 1.6.6 - Volunteer Records



Important Criminal Records Information



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

February 23, 2022

Child Care Providers,

Thank you for your attendance in the recent child care informational training pertaining to the updated Child Care regulations. The Criminal History Fingerprint unit invites anyone with additional questions surrounding background checks to contact our office as needed. Due to the volume of information presented over the last several weeks, our office would like to provide a list of updates and changes surrounding criminal background checks.

Online Payments:

As of January 1, 2022, the Criminal History Fingerprint unit has been requiring all payments for background checks to be made online through the [Criminal History Fingerprint Payment portal](#). Online payment offers a more efficient and secure method of payment while ensuring timely credits to a facility account.

Child Care Suitability Letter:

As of February 1, 2022, the Criminal History Fingerprint unit is no longer mailing child care suitability letters to the facilities. All child care facilities have access to suitability letters from the [Criminal History Fingerprint Facility portal](#). If directions are needed for accessing the facility portal or a facility ID code and/or password are needed, please contact a team member of the Criminal History Fingerprint unit at 601-364-1102 or 601-364-1101.

LiveScan Printing:

The MSDH has installed several LiveScan machines for fingerprinting in health departments across the state. Facilities now have the **option** of sending an applicant for a LiveScan print. Our office will continue to accept fingerprint cards at 143B LeFleurs Sq. Jackson, MS. 39211 if a facility or applicant is unable to visit a LiveScan location. If you have any questions surrounding LiveScan prints, please call or email Brittany Orr at 601-364-5062 or Brittany.orr@msdh.ms.gov.

Please visit our [Criminal History Fingerprint web page](#) on the MSDH website for additional information and access to forms, documents, and portals all associated with the Criminal History Fingerprint unit.

MSDH Criminal History Fingerprint Unit
601-364-1102 or 601-364-1101

MS Director's Credential Renewal Information



MS Director's Credential Renewal

The MS Director's Credential along with two years paid experience in a licensed childcare facility, qualifies an individual to be a director of a licensed childcare facility in Mississippi. **Please note that this renewal course is only for those that have previously completed the 9-module MS Director Credential course and need to renew.** Renewal is required every 4 years to maintain your credential. This renewal course will not be offered again until Fall 2022, so anyone with a credential that expires before then should register for one of the options below.

For your convenience, we are offering both virtual and in-person classes. Please select only **one** option that you wish to attend on the registration form.

To register: Print and complete this form. You may scan and email your registration to amelda.ellis@mdhs.ms.gov or mail to the address below. Please note that a copy of your current MS Director's Credential certificate is required to complete your registration and enroll in the course. It should be emailed or mailed along with your registration form. All participants must pre-register at least two weeks in advance. Walk-ins or late registrations will not be accepted.

Mail to:

Attn: Amelda Ellis
750 N. State Street
Jackson, MS 39202

For any questions regarding the renewal course please email amelda.ellis@mdhs.ms.gov.

Free Training Opportunity!

Attention, Childcare Center Owners,
Operators, and Staff:

FREE TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!

Are you concerned about lead in drinking water?

SipSafe works to screen water to reduce childhood lead exposure.

The SipSafe program is hosting online staff trainings:

- March 7, 9-10 a.m.
- March 11, 9-10 a.m.
- March 25, 9-10 a.m.
- March 28, 9-10 a.m.

Earn 1 CEU credit!

To register for a training session, please contact Leah Gann at leg292@msstate.edu.

For more information about SipSafe or for disability accommodation, please contact Nelson McGough at nelson.mcgough@msstate.edu, or visit ext.msstate.edu/sipsafe.

SipSafe is a joint project of MSU Extension, Mississippi Department of Health, Mississippi Bureau of Public Water Supply, Child Care Licensure, Mississippi Department of Education, Mississippi State Chemical Laboratory, University of Mississippi Sea Grant Law Center, and Lead Poisoning Prevention and Healthy Homes Program.

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