



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

July 28, 2020

Dear Child Care Provider:

Our nation and state are facing unprecedented times. Mississippi State Department of Health is mandated to carry out the duties, responsibilities, and functions of monitoring early child care and education programs even during a public health emergency.

Typically, conducting on-site inspections would be the best way to support child care programs in improving quality and practices, and to identify and prevent the occurrence of non-compliant conditions that would cause health and safety issues for the children that they serve. To minimize unnecessary contacts as a preventive measure of the spread of the virus to staff, children, and families, ***Child Care Licensure is temporarily implementing Virtual Renewal Inspections.***

Virtual inspection visits began on June 26, 2020 for inspections due after March 1, 2020 and will continue until on-site renewal inspections resume in the state of Mississippi. To initiate this process, licensing officials will begin communicating with providers to provide information regarding documents that will need to be reviewed, documents that need to be submitted, and to schedule a zoom meeting and answer any questions or concerns providers may have.

Once your virtual renewal inspection is complete, you will sign and send back the attached acknowledgment form certifying that you completed your virtual inspection to the best of your ability.

We thank you for your cooperation as we navigate through this global health emergency and appreciate all that you are doing to serve and keep Mississippi's children safe during this time!

Stay safe and well,

Tabitha Bynum, Interim Director
Bureau of Child Care Facilities Licensure

CC: Licensure

Please sign the acknowledgment below and send back to your licensing official.

This letter is an acknowledgement from the Mississippi State Health Child Care Licensure Division to the person(s) who will be held responsible for any violations that may be found while conducting any type of inspection.

I, Kathy Cuevas (name), serve in the capacity of owner, director, or director designee of Woolmarket Baptist Church Preschool (center name). I acknowledge that I was instructed to review my records and building to assure that all documents are current and up-to-date and that the facility is free of hazards.

I realize that by signing this document that I am agreeing that all required documents that are needed for a temporary, mid-year, and renewal inspection for a license are in place at this time.

Kathy Cuevas
Director Signature

July 15, 2020
Date of Signature