



HEALTH TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES

FOR CHILDREN - (5A DCMR, Chapter 1, Section 130.4 and D.C. Universal Health Certificate Instructions)

Physical Examination:

A current comprehensive physical examination is required upon enrollment and prior to admission to the facility. This includes, age-appropriate screenings and up-to-date immunizations, and for each child three years of age and older, a complete oral health examination. Each examination must be performed by a licensed health care professional within one year prior to date of admission. Information must be provided on forms approved by the Mayor. Each child shall, at least annually, have a comprehensive physical examination and oral examination.

Tuberculosis (TB) Risk Assessment and Testing:

Prior to admission, and annually thereafter, parents or guardians are required to submit to the Child Development Facility (CDF) a District of Columbia Universal Health Certificate (DC UHC) with documentation of a comprehensive physical examination, inclusive of a tuberculosis exposure risk assessment. Upon recognition of high risk factors, a tuberculin skin test (TST) should be conducted.

Blood Tests for Lead Poisoning:

D.C. law requires that all children be tested for lead between 6-14 months and again between 22 and 26 months. D.C. law also requires that if a child is more than 26 months old and has not yet been tested for lead exposure, that child must be screened twice prior to six years of age. Note: Children over six years old who regularly put non-food items (e.g., dirt, paint, etc.) in their mouth should be screened by their doctor every year and additional testing should be considered.

For more information on the yearly child health examination requirements, see the D.C. Universal Health Certificate instruction included in the licensure orientation package.

FOR CENTER EMPLOYEES, HOME PROVIDERS, RESIDENTS, AND VOLUNTEERS (5A DCMR, Chapter 1, Section 131.5)

Pre-Employment and Annual Physical Examinations:

A current pre-employment physical examination by a licensed health care practitioner is required. All persons living in a licensed child development home shall have an annual physical examination by a licensed health care practitioner. The physical examination must include written and signed documentation from the licensed health care practitioner stating that the person is free of communicable disease at the time of examination. In addition, physical examinations must include written and signed documentation from the licensed health care practitioner about any caregiver, employee, or volunteer diagnosed with a medical problem, and their capability of caring for children.

Tuberculosis (TB) Assessment and Testing:

Physical examinations must include written and signed documentation from the licensed health care practitioner that the person is free from tuberculosis at the time of examination. Tuberculosis (TB) tests (with results) must be repeated every two years, if the previous test was negative. Persons with positive test results should be promptly evaluated by a licensed health care practitioner and each following year.