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CHECKLIST FOR COMPLETING THE CHILD CARE CENTER  
 SAFE DRINKING WATER REQUIREMENTS  
 N.J.A.C. 10:122-5.2

This checklist outlines the child care center requirements for obtaining a Certification of Acceptable Drinking Water Quality from the NJDEP Bureau of Safe Drinking Water Technical Assistance. NOTE: Child care centers receiving drinking water from a public community water system **do not** have to complete this checklist but instead are required to provide either 1) a copy of the most recent water bill or 2) a letter from the public community water system certifying service to the appropriate address.

Child Care Center Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Street/City/Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Director/Owner (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PWSID (if applicable): N J \_\_\_\_\_

1. Did the child care center previously receive a Certification of Acceptable Drinking Water Quality? YES: \_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_

If NO, skip to page 2.

If YES, when? \_\_\_\_\_ (date of letter)

2. If YES to Question #1 above, did the Certification acknowledge any contaminants (including secondary contaminants) above the maximum contaminant level, recommended upper limit, and/or action level? YES: \_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_

If YES, which contaminants? \_\_\_\_\_

If YES, list steps (treatment, public education, follow-up sampling) taken to address these contaminants (*attach additional pages if needed*).

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3. If YES to Question #1 above, since obtaining the Certification, have there been changes to the well? (i.e. new well/replacement well drilled, change in pump capacity, change in well depth) YES: \_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_

If YES, describe. \_\_\_\_\_

The attached table of “Required Child Care Testing for Certification of Drinking Water Quality” includes a list of contaminants and the acceptable timeframe within which the test results are valid for the purposes of this program. The table also provides a column for the child care to indicate whether the contaminants have been sampled within the designated timeframe.

If the answer is “yes” to the question regarding whether or not sampling has occurred within the designated timeframe for any of the contaminants listed, **copies of the associated drinking water analyses must be submitted along with this completed form.** If the child care is a public water system with its own State-issued PWSID or is served by a public “noncommunity” water system with its own PWSID, the sampling results must be submitted on the appropriate state forms. State forms may be found at <http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/forms.htm>.

Note: Untreated water sample test results (taken prior to any treatment such as a water softener) must be submitted with the checklist.

Review of the data will be conducted by the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water Technical Assistance and if warranted, a Certification of Acceptable Drinking Water Quality will be issued.

If you have questions regarding drinking water sampling requirements for child care centers, please refer to <http://www.nj.gov/dep/dccrequest/> or contact the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water Technical Assistance at 609-292-5550.

## Required Child Care Testing for Certification of Drinking Water Quality

Contaminant	NJDEP will accept test results if sample date is within the last ...	Has sampling occurred within the designated timeframe? (Y or N)
<b>Coliform</b>	90 days	
<b>Nitrate</b>	90 days	
<b>Volatile Organic Chemicals</b>	3 years	
<b>Lead<sup>1</sup></b>	3 years	
<b>Copper<sup>1</sup></b>	3 years	
<b>Inorganic Chemicals</b>		
Antimony	3 years	
Arsenic	3 years	
Barium	3 years	
Beryllium	3 years	
Cadmium	3 years	
Chromium	3 years	
Cyanide	3 years	
Fluoride	3 years	
Mercury	3 years	
Selenium	3 years	
Thallium	3 years	
<b>Radiological Contaminants<sup>2</sup></b>		
Gross Alpha	3 years	
Radium 226 <sup>3</sup>	3 years	
Radium 228	3 years	
Uranium <sup>4</sup>	3 years	
<b>Synthetic Organic Chemicals<sup>5</sup></b>		
Dibromochloropropane	3 years	
Ethylene Dibromide	3 years	
1,2,3-Trichloropropane	3 years	
<b>Secondary Contaminants</b>		
Chloride	3 years	
Hardness	3 years	
Iron	3 years	
Manganese	3 years	
pH	3 years	
Sodium	3 years	
Sulfate	3 years	
Total Dissolved Solids	3 years	
Zinc	3 years	

<sup>1</sup> The chain of custody for the lead and copper sampling must be submitted with the results. Lead and copper samples must be first draw (minimum 6 hour standing time) and from approved sampling sites. Please consult with the laboratory prior to conducting lead and copper sampling.

<sup>2</sup> If the previous sampling result for gross alpha is below the detection limit and there have been no changes to the well(s), no additional sampling is required for radiological contaminants.

<sup>3</sup> Radium 226 analyses is not necessary if the concentration of gross alpha particle activity is <5 pCi/l.

<sup>4</sup> Uranium analyses is not necessary if the concentration of gross alpha particle activity is <15 pCi/l.

<sup>5</sup> If the previous sampling results for these synthetic organic compounds are below the detection limit and there have been no changes to the well(s), no additional monitoring is required for these contaminants.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Director/Owner Signature)

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(Date)