

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) POLICY FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS

NAME OF PROGRAM

DATE

All of our program staff follow California's Healthy Schools Act (HSA) and practice integrated pest management (IPM) to keep children and staff safe from pests and pesticides. Exposure to pesticides can pose a health risk to children, staff, and others.

1. We minimize pest infestations and exposure to pesticides through a range of practices that restrict pests' access to food, water, and shelter.
2. Our IPM plan is available in our office and on our website, and is reviewed, updated, and distributed annually.
3. An IPM coordinator (name in the IPM plan) is responsible for overseeing the implementation of IPM practices.
4. We regularly monitor for pests and keep records of pest sightings and evidence of pests (for example, gnaw marks, rub marks). We use the IPM Checklist for Early Care and Education to inspect our facility (cchp.ucsf.edu/IPM).
5. We start with nonchemical management practices (for example, cleaning, repairs, and traps) to address pest problems. When necessary, we use least-hazardous pesticides (such as self-contained bait stations and gels) after nonchemical management practices have failed.
6. Prohibited pesticides are never used (list found at apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm).
7. Pesticides, including antimicrobials, are used according to the manufacturer's instructions, and stored in their original containers in a locked room or cabinet accessible only to authorized staff.
8. If pesticides are used (unless exempt from HSA requirements), the type, active ingredient, and time of the application are reported to the California Department of Pesticide Regulation at least annually (using form DPR-HSA-118.)
9. Warning signs will be posted in all of the areas where pesticides will be applied. These signs will be in place 24 hours before pesticides are used and stay in place until 72 hours after pesticides are used
10. All staff and parents/ guardians have the opportunity to register to be notified about individual pesticide applications at least 72 hours before they are applied. The notification will include the pesticide name, active ingredient, and intended date of application.
11. Written notification is given to parents/ guardians and staff as specified in the HSA:
 - ▶ Any planned pesticide applications in the upcoming year (include pesticide name and active ingredients);
 - ▶ 72 hours in advance of a pesticide application not included in the annual notification;
 - ▶ Every effort is made to provide advance notification if an emergency condition requires a pesticide application not included in the annual notification.
12. Records of pesticide applications made by center staff and/or pest management professionals are kept for at least four years. Records are available to parents, guardians, and staff.
13. Annual training is provided for all staff who apply pesticides, including antimicrobials, on IPM practices and HSA requirements.

Optional: Recommendations for parents exposed to pesticides at work

1. Wash your hands before leaving work.
2. Change your work clothes before picking up your child. Don't hug or carry your child until after you have changed your work clothes.
3. Store and wash your work clothes separately from the rest of your clothes and your children's clothes.
4. Leave your work shoes outside the child care facility before you enter to pick up your child.