

**ACCEPTABLE CONDITIONS FOR RE-OPENING OF CHILD CARE PROGRAM
FOLLOWING FLOOD DAMAGE**

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Unless all the following are adhered to a childcare will not be allowed to reopen.

WATER SAFETY:

1. Tap water that is on “boil precautions” should not be used in the child care that is providing care for infants. Only bottled water from an approved source may be used for drinking in any child care until the water has been cleared by IDEM.
2. Public water sources that have been approved by IDEM may be used. If the public water source has not been approved then for drinking purposes only bottled water from an approved source may be used. For hand washing purposes the water should either be boiled at a rolling boil for 1 minute or mix 1/8 tsp. of newly purchased, unscented liquid bleach per gallon of water.
3. If water is provided from a private well the water should be tested by a lab certified for drinking water. Your county health department may be able to assist you with the sampling.
4. Prior to reopening the Bureau of Child Care must see a copy of the result of this sampling.
5. Boiling water for 5 minutes at a full rolling boil and then aerating it by pouring it from one container to another. The purpose of aerating it is to remove the flat taste. The child care should follow boil water guidelines as long as they are in effect for their area.
6. IDEM is the governing body for all public water sources in the State of Indiana. Childcares must adhere to all IDEM regulations prior to opening.

SEWAGE:

1. Prior to reopening the child care must have functioning toilet facilities.
2. Any standing water in the program must be gone. Floors and furnishing must be completely dried out. If carpeting, upholstered furniture, dry wall or insulation has been saturated it should be removed. It would not dry out quickly enough prior to mold growing.
3. Children should not be allowed to play outside if there is any standing water. This water may have been contaminated with animal feces in the flooding.
4. Everything in the program should be cleaned with a solution of 1 cup of bleach to 5 gallons of water.

FOOD:

1. Throw away any food that may have come in contact with flood or storm water.
2. If cans have come in contact with floodwater or storm water, remove the labels, wash the cans, and dip them in a solution of 1 cup of bleach in 5 gallons of water and allow to air dry. Relabel the cans with a marker.
3. Use only ready to feed formula for infants.
4. Dispose of any baby food that may have come in contact with flood water.
5. References: Center for Disease Control (<http://www.cdc.gov/>) Indiana State Department of Health (www.in.gov/isdh)