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EMERGENCY CHILD CARE WAIVER NOVEL CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19)

Licensed Child Care Center

EMERGENCY WAIVER

THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE POSTED IN A PROMINENT LOCATION ON THE PROGRAM PREMISES

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency (“Proclamation”) in response to a rising number of cases of COVID-19 in California. The Proclamation permits the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to waive any provisions of the Health and Safety Code (HSC) or Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), accompanying regulations, interim licensing standards, or other written policies or procedures with respect to the use, licensing, or approval of licensed facilities and homes within CDSS’ jurisdiction.

Pursuant to the Governor’s Proclamation, CDSS is waiving certain licensing requirements as described herein.

Reason for waiver request:

Brella Playa Vista Preschool requested a waiver to allow for the acceptance of an additional 22 preschool-age children, increasing their capacity from 43 to 65 with the use of 3 unlicensed rooms. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. A licensed infant child care program, Brella Playa Vista – Infant - 197494347 is located at the same address.

This temporary emergency waiver involves a waiver to:

- California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 12, Section(s) 101161, Subsection a which requires: “a licensee shall not operate a child care center beyond the conditions and limitations on the on the license”
- Health and Safety Code section _____ which requires:

A waiver from this requirement allows the program to:

Temporarily operate beyond the limits of their current preschool license and allow the addition of 22 preschool-age children with the use of 3 unlicensed rooms, temporarily increasing their capacity from 43 to 65.

CDSS grants this waiver to Brella Playa Vista Preschool located at 12746 W. Jefferson Blvd, Suite 3-3100, Los Angeles, CA 90094 subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE WAIVER:

- 1) Brella Playa Vista Preschool shall distribute a copy of the waiver to parents or legal guardians of all children in care, obtain a signed acknowledgement of receipt from them, and retain a copy in each child's file. Acknowledgements shall be placed in child's file within 5 calendar days of the issuance of this waiver.
- 2) Brella Playa Vista Preschool shall immediately obtain a criminal record clearance or exemption, or a transferred criminal record clearance or exemption, for all adults working or volunteering prior to that individual's presence in the program and shall retain documentation of proof of the clearance or exemption. At least one on-site staff member shall have a current certification for Pediatric First Aid and CPR during hours of program operation.
- 3) Brella Playa Vista Preschool shall comply with CDSS group size limitations, which is 16 individuals per cohort, and [Guidance Related to Cohorts](#). Children should remain in groups as small as possible. Should state cohort guidance differ from local health ordinances, follow the stricter guidance.
- 4) Brella Playa Vista Preschool shall not exceed the approved capacity as per the local fire authorities.
- 5) Brella Playa Vista Preschool shall develop and implement a consumer protection and emergency disaster plan.
- 6) Brella Playa Vista Preschool shall maintain documentation from the local school district or equivalent for approval to operate on school grounds, if applicable, and will maintain coordination of services with local public health and the school.
- 7) Digital resources shall be made available to support distance learning activities, if applicable.
- 8) Brella Playa Vista Preschool shall notify parents or guardians of policies impacted by the waiver.
- 9) Brella Playa Vista Preschool shall have age appropriate equipment and supplies, such as sleeping, bedding, learning and play materials, and provide special

needs care and supports for children in care, if applicable. If care involves children under 12 months, a crib or play yard shall be provided and the program shall adhere to safe sleep best practices.

- 10) Brella Playa Vista Preschool shall comply with [Industry Guidance for child care providers](#) including but not limited to physical distancing & face coverings, and comply with COVID-19 guidance in all applicable [CDSS PINs](#).
- 11) Brella Playa Vista Preschool shall comply with [local health department](#) guidelines and directives for providing a healthy and safe child care environment. If there are differences between state and local guidance, the program will comply with the strictest requirements.
- 12) Brella Playa Vista Preschool shall comply with reporting requirements as described in Title 22, Division 12, California Code of Regulations section 101212.
- 13) Brella Playa Vista Preschool shall obtain the approval of the CDSS Child Care Licensing Program prior to implementing any changes to this waiver.
- 14) Licensee will maintain compliance with all licensing standards that are not waived and remain in good standing with Licensing.
- 15) Brella Playa Vista Preschool shall comply with oversight and shall not restrict access by government authorities, including CDSS, and shall accommodate oversight by remote means including video/telephonic conferencing.
- 16) A copy of this waiver shall be posted in a prominent location visible to anyone who utilizes the child care setting.

CDSS may rescind or modify a program's authorization for use of this waiver based upon new federal, state or local directives or guidance, if it determines a program does not meet the terms and conditions of this waiver, or for a failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the waiver.

EFFECTIVE DATES OF WAIVER

This waiver expires in 90 days from the date of the waiver, on 6/15/2021. If the provider needs to continue to provide care after 90 days, it is provider's duty to request a waiver renewal prior to expiration of the waiver. CDSS may renew this waiver upon request from the provider and after evaluation of need and compliance history.

This waiver shall automatically terminate upon the Governor's termination of the State of Emergency. Once the waiver expires, all licensing requirements shall be reinstated.

Approved by:

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