



GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA

Ministry of Health

Department of Health

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Dear Day Care Provider and Day Care Centres,

I am writing to clarify the Department of Health water testing policy for the Day Care Centre licencing and Day Care Provider Registration processes.

The goal of this new policy is to remove the need for testing of your tank water, while ensuring there is a safe and approved source of water for the children for drinking.

From today, an approved source of water for children to drink in your day care can be:

- a. Bottled water,
- b. Boiled water – cooled for drinking and formula. The water should be stored in a fridge in a clean, covered container.
- c. Point of use or entry system using filtration/ultraviolet (UV) light disinfection, or
- d. Other system as approved by Environmental Health

The Chlorination schedule should continue to be followed for your tank water as this assists any filtration system you may use. The tank water should be used for hand washing with soap and washing of toys, with detergent added.

However, going forward your tap water will only be tested if you have notified us of a point of use or point of entry system being installed.

If a point of use or point of entry system fails a water test, you will need to have it serviced. Once serviced you will need to contact Environmental Health in order to have it retested.

If an approved source fails twice and further tests are required, a fee will be charged. Currently this fee is \$34.

If you have any questions regarding this policy and the water testing going forward, do not hesitate to contact me or your Environmental Health Officer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robyn Skinner'.

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