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**School-Age  
Rule Advisory Committee  
Clean-up Session  
August 9, 2022**



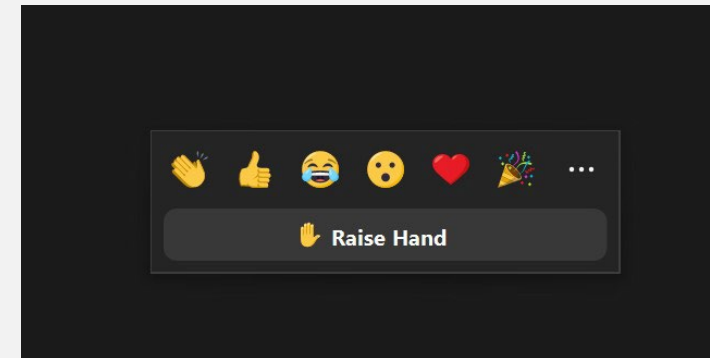
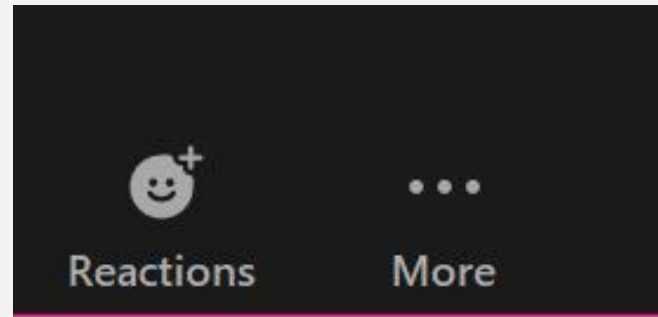
# Agenda

1. Greetings/review of group norms (5 Minutes)
2. Review Proposed Rule Changes (55 Minutes)

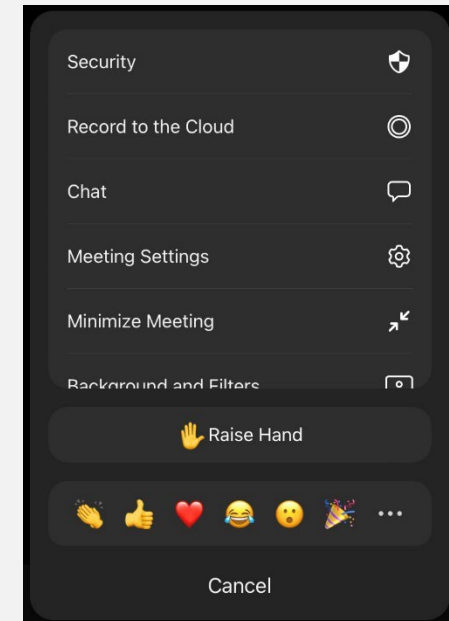
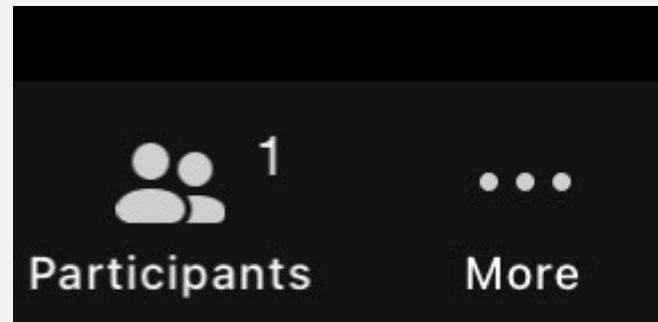


# Zoom Details

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# Group Norms

- Allow opportunities for all voices to be heard
  - *Know when to speak up and when to step back*
- Remain focused on the scope of the committee
- Be open for respectful discussion
- Come prepared ready to discuss sections on the agenda
- Utilize the form for additional feedback
- Use the “raise hand” function or chat for comments
- Anything else?



# Scope

- Review and provide feedback on proposed rule changes

## **This includes:**

- Is the rule language clear enough to understand the intent?
- Are there unintended consequences?
- Are there any financial impacts?
- Are there any unintended or potentially negative impacts to vulnerable groups?



# Bathroom Location

## Previous Language

414-310-0440(8) A school-age center must provide indoor toilets and sinks that children can safely and easily access. **Toilets and sinks must be on the same floor of the building where care is provided.**

- (a) A school-age center must provide one toilet for every 15 children.
- (b) (b) Urinals may be substituted for one-half the required number of toilets, if there are at least two toilets in the center. Facilities built specifically as child care centers after July 15, 2001 cannot substitute urinals for the required number of toilets.
- (c) A school-age center must provide at least one handwashing sink for every two toilets.
- (d) Sinks ...

## Proposed Language

414-310-0440(8) A school-age center must provide indoor toilets and sinks that children can safely and easily access. ~~Toilets and sinks must be on the same floor of the building where care is provided.~~

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- (d) Sinks ...

**Rationale:** Current Certified Center rules do not include this requirement. School-age programs are operating with toilets on different levels than where child care is provided. Requiring this could place barriers on existing programs, as well as limit space/capacity for new programs.



# Square Footage Requirements

## Previous Language

414-310-0440(5) A school-age center must have a minimum of 35 square feet of activity space per child.

- (a) Activity space must be available for use by children and used exclusively for child care during the hours of operation.
  - (A) If the school-age center shares a large space, such as a cafeteria, with children who are not enrolled in the school-age center, the center must designate spaces for child care children, such as specific tables.
  - (B) Shelves or storage for children's materials that are accessible to children may be counted as part of the indoor space

## Proposed Language

414-310-0440(5) A school-age center ~~must have a minimum of 35 square feet of activity space per child. A school-age center~~ **shall have a minimum of 50 square feet of indoor activity area per child or may have a minimum of 35 square feet of indoor activity area per child if:**

- (a) The children in care have access to a larger gross motor area, either indoor or outdoor, on a daily basis; or
  - (b) The school-age center has a plan, approved by OCC, which addresses how the gross motor needs of children in care will be met.
- (6) Activity space must be available for use by children and used exclusively for child care during the hours of operation.
- (a) If the school-age center shares....

**Rationale:** This language aligns with current Certified Center rule. School-age programs are currently operating under either square footage requirement. Having two options for square footage allows for greater flexibility to use space (increase capacity), especially for those that do not have access to outdoor space.



# Carpet Cleaning

## Previous Language

414-310-0490(2) A school-age center must maintain the building, equipment, and vehicles in good repair, in a clean and sanitary condition, and free of clutter and litter.

- (a) Walls and ceilings must be free from water damage, holes, and peeling paper and paint.
- (b) Floors must be cleaned by either sweeping or vacuuming at least once per day or more often as needed, and rugs or carpet must be shampooed or steam cleaned at least every six months.

## Proposed Language

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**Rationale:** This requirement could have proposed a financial impact on programs and was not addressed at previous RAC sessions and therefore removed.





# First Aid Kit: Disinfectant

## Previous Language

**414-310-0560(4)** A school-age center must maintain, at a minimum, the following first aid supplies at the center, in any vehicle used to transport children in care, and for group activities away from the center:

....

(n) Chlorine bleach for sanitizing after a blood spill;

## Proposed Language

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....

(n) Chlorine bleach **or other disinfectant** for ~~sanitizing after a blood spill~~ **cleaning spills of blood and other bodily fluids;**

**Rationale:** Recognizes that bleach is not the only disinfectant that can be used. Clarifies that the purpose is disinfecting rather than sanitizing and requires a different delusion of bleach or specific disinfectant. Clarifies that this is not just for blood spills, but rather all bodily fluids.



# Separating a child that is unable to participate comfortably

## Previous Language

**414-310-0550(3)** Staff may also determine that a child who has been admitted into care should be separated from other children if the child is unable to participate comfortably in activities or needs care that is greater than the staff can provide without compromising the health and safety of other children.

## Proposed Language

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**Rationale:** This ruleset reflects current OHA guidance on exclusion requirements related to health/illness. This rule is not needed at this time.



# Next Steps

- Review any feedback for potential changes
- Updated ruleset will be open for public comment (will send link once posted)
- Revisions will go before the Early Learning Council in September for adoption
- Implementation in January, 2023.



Questions?

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