

Terms and Definitions

CDC stands for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Coliforms are a broad class of bacteria found in the environment, including both human and animal feces.

Early learning professionals are all early learning providers, child care licensing staff, and other professionals in the early learning field.

Early learning program space means the licensed indoor and outdoor space on the premises approved by the department for the purpose of providing licensed child care.

Early learning program staff refers to all persons who work, substitute, or volunteer in an early learning program during hours when children are or may be present, excluding licensees.

Early learning provider or provider refers to an early learning licensee or designee who works in an early learning program during hours when children are, or may be, present. Designees include center directors, assistant directors, program supervisors, lead teachers, assistants, aides, and volunteers.

EPA is the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

Impervious flooring is made from material that does not allow water to soak into it (waterproof).

Nitrate is a compound that is formed naturally when nitrogen combines with oxygen or ozone. Nitrogen is essential for all living things, but high levels of nitrate in drinking water can be dangerous to health, especially for infants and pregnant women.

PPM means parts per million.