

Environment Self-Certification During Pandemic Conditions

Program Self-Evaluation 2020-21

California Department of Education, March 2021

Directions: Following guidance from **Use of the Environment Rating Scales during Pandemic Conditions**, located on the Environment Rating Scales Institute (ERSI) website at <https://www.ersi.info/>, the Environment Rating Scale (ERS) should **not** be used under pandemic conditions to assess the quality of a program in an official assessment in which the average overall quality of the program is determined. For Fiscal Year 20–21, early learning and care (ELC) programs must complete the following questionnaire in lieu of completing an entire ERS assessment to describe how the program/family child care home has adapted their environment to meet health and safety guidelines while providing quality learning experiences for the children in the program. Complete a minimum of one (1) self-certification per direct service contract held.

Classroom/ Family Child Care Home

Personal Care Routines

How is the program/provider ensuring that correct handwashing and sanitizing/disinfecting procedures are carried out adequately?

Activities

How does the program/provider allow free use of materials that all children touch?

Space and Furnishings

What modifications have been made to the interest areas to ensure children have access to a variety of age appropriate materials while maintaining physical (social) distancing guidelines?

Program Structure

How does the program/provider offer opportunities for children to engage in small group and large group activities while maintaining physical (social) distancing guidelines?

Interactions

How are the staff/provider(s) continuing to be responsive to and involved with the children while maintaining physical (social) distancing guidelines?

I certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Authorized Representative

Title

Date