Alberta Health Services

Environmental Public Health

ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER

To: Myles Croucher and Gwen Croucher
"the Owner"

RE: The social care facility located in Edmonton, Alberta and municipally described as:
Blue Bird Childcare Centre
18204 – 84 Avenue, NW
Edmonton, AB, T5T 2B4

WHEREAS I, an **Executive Officer** of **Alberta Health Services**, have inspected the above noted premises pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Act, RSA 2000, c. P-37, as amended;

AND WHEREAS such inspection disclosed that the following conditions exist in and about the above noted premises which are or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health or which might hinder in any manner the prevention or suppression of disease, namely:

a. The plastic barrier sealing off the kitchen area awaiting remediation was removed.
b. The plumbed wall in the kitchen was damaged and had visible mold growth.
c. There was a water leak from the open ceiling area in the staff washroom. A bucket was on the floor to catch the leak; the adjacent wall was wet.
d. The lights in the ceiling throughout the facility were not operating with some flickering. Several of the ceiling fixtures were missing light covers.
e. There was no toy washing sink available.
f. The cupboard doors in the children's washroom vanity were water damaged and extensively deteriorated with crumbling edges The cupboard floor under each sink area were bubbled, damaged and warped
g. There were mouse droppings in the kitchen area, in the domestic range drawer and along the floor baseboards. There were no pest control records available.

AND WHEREAS such inspection disclosed that the following breaches of the Public Health Act and the Institutions Regulation, Alberta Regulation 143/1981 exist in and about the above noted premises namely:

a. The plastic barrier sealing off the kitchen area awaiting remediation was removed. This is in contravention of section 23 and 24 of the Institutions Regulation which states that the facility must be maintained at all times in good repair, in proper working order and in a clean and sanitary condition. In every institution and day care facility, indoor and outdoor premise, equipment and facilities shall be of such construction and in such state of repair as to provide for the safe and sanitary operation of the program.

b. The plumbed wall in the kitchen was damaged and had visible mold growth. This is in contravention of section 23 and 24 of the Institutions Regulation which states that the facility must be maintained at all times in good repair, in proper working order and in a clean and sanitary condition. In every institution and day care facility, indoor and outdoor premise, equipment and facilities shall be of such construction and in such state of repair as to provide for the safe and sanitary operation of the program.

c. There was a water leak from the open ceiling area in the staff washroom. A bucket was on the floor to catch the leak; the adjacent wall was wet. This is in contravention of sections 23 and 24 of the Institutions Regulation which states that the facility must be maintained at all times in good repair, in proper working order and in a clean and sanitary condition. In every institution and day care facility, indoor and outdoor premise, equipment and facilities shall be of such construction and in such state of repair as to provide for the safe and sanitary operation of the program.

d. The lights in the ceiling throughout the facility were not operating with some flickering. Several of the ceiling fixtures were missing light covers. This is in contravention of section 13 of the Institutions Regulation which states every institution and day care facility, except family day homes, shall comply with the following: (a) every sleeping area, hallway, stairway and toilet room shall have artificial light sources capable of maintaining light intensity of not less than 215 lux (20 foot candles) in all parts of the room; (b) every classroom shall have illumination levels in accordance with the school recommended lighting levels document C92,3-1967 of the Canadian Standards Association (c) all other rooms shall have natural or artificial light sources capable of maintaining light intensity of 375 lux (35 foot candles) in all parts of the room; (d) all rooms shall have adequate curtains or shades over natural light sources.

e. There was no toy washing sink available. In every social care facility where washing of toys is required, at least one easily accessible sink that is large enough to properly clean and disinfect all items shall be provided. This is in contravention of section 14 of the Institutions Regulation that states every institution and daycare facility shall provide plumbing facilities in a convenient location and in accordance with the Alberta Uniform Building Standards Act and the regulations.

f. The cupboard doors in the children's washroom vanity were water damaged and extensively deteriorated with crumbling edges The cupboard floor under each sink area were bubbled, damaged and warped. This is in contravention of section 23 and 24 of the Institutions Regulation which states that the facility must be maintained at all times in good repair, in proper working order and in a clean and sanitary condition. In every institution and day care facility, indoor and outdoor premise, equipment and facilities shall be of such construction and in such state of repair as to provide for the safe and sanitary operation of the program.

g. There were mouse droppings in the kitchen area, in the domestic range drawer and along the floor baseboards. This is in contravention of sections 23 and 24 of the Institutions Regulation which states that the facility must be maintained at all times in good repair, in proper working order and in a clean and sanitary condition. In every institution and day care facility, indoor and outdoor premise, equipment and facilities shall be of such construction and in such state of repair as to provide for the safe and sanitary operation of the program.

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT**:

1. That the Owner immediately undertake and diligently pursue the completion of the following work in and about the above noted premises, namely:

a. The kitchen area must be hoarded/sealed off; the staff and children must not access the space.
b. All rodent debris, nesting materials, and associated contamination must be thoroughly cleaned and removed to make the affected area safe for use. All mold-contaminated, water damaged and rotted building materials must be removed and replaced. Remediation activities must be conducted in a manner that effectively prevents exposure of workers, occupants, and any other individuals on-site to hazardous materials.
c. The cause of the leak from the staff washroom ceiling area must be investigated and repaired. Any water-damaged materials associated with the leak must be removed and replaced. The ceiling tiles need to be re-installed or replaced if damaged
d. Overhead lighting throughout the facility must be in working condition with protective covers.
e. A sink for toy washing must be installed. The sink must be large enough for toy washing and not a designated hand wash sink.
f. Remove all deteriorated and damaged vanity materials in the children's washroom and replace with new materials. Materials must be new, smooth, durable and easy to keep clean.
g. Provide a pest control activity report and keep track of pest activity, keep record of associated actions and clean up

2. The work referred to in paragraph 1shall be completed by:
    a. The kitchen area must be hoarded/sealed off with no access to the space by November 2, 2026
    b. Provide a detailed pest control activity report by November 6, 2026
    c. The staff bathroom ceiling leak must be repaired by November 13, 2026
    d. Replace water damaged staff washroom wall and related materials by November 30, 2026
    e. The overhead lighting must be repaired by November 13, 2026
    f. The repairs/remediation in the kitchen area must be complete by November 30, 2026
    g. The toy cleaning sink installation must be completed by November 30, 2026.
    h. The children's washroom cupboards must be removed and replaced by December 30, 2026

The above conditions were noted at the time of October 30, 2026, and may not necessarily reflect all deficiencies. You are advised that further work may be required to ensure full compliance with the Public Health Act and regulations, or to prevent a public health nuisance.

DATED at Edmonton, Alberta, November 2, 2026

Confirmation of a verbal order issued to Myles Croucher on October 30, 2026.

Executive Officer
Alberta Health Services

If you have any questions regarding the order, contact Environmental Public Health at 1-833-476-4743 or https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/eph/eph.aspx

You have the right to appeal

A person who is directly affected by a decision may appeal the decision by submitting a Notice of Appeal form within ten (10) days after receiving the order to:

Public Health Appeal Board
c/o Central Reception
Main Floor, ATB Place North Tower
10025 Jasper Avenue NW
Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1S6
Phone: 780-222-5186
Fax: 780-422-0914
Email: HealthAppealBoard@gov.ab.ca
Website: https://www.alberta.ca/public-health-appeal-board.aspx

A Notice of Appeal form may be obtained by contacting the Public Health Appeal Board or visiting their website.

Health Legislation, Regulations and Standards

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