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August 21, 2023

Kimberly Romano  
St Peter's Lutheran Church  
23000 Gratiot  
Eastpointe, MI 48021

RE: License #: DC500296734  
Investigation #: 2023D0023017  
St Peter's Lutheran Early Childhood Ctr

Dear Ms. Romano:

I conducted a special investigation because the child care licensing division received information regarding your facility that related to licensing rules or law. The information was related to the following:

<b>R 400.8155(4)</b>	<b>Child accidents and incidents; child and staff illness.</b>
<b>R 400.8380(1)</b>	<b>Maintenance of premises.</b>

The details of the information are in the attached report.

To investigate:

- I interviewed: program director/licensee designee, child care staff member, and parents.
- I completed on-site inspections on the following dates: 03/22/2023.

As a result of this investigation, I recommend no change to the current license status. I did not find any violations. The special investigation report is attached.

<b>During this special investigation:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
A rule or law violation was found and a serious injury or death occurred.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A rule or law violation was found and abuse and/or neglect of a child occurred.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

This report and any related corrective action plans must be filed in your licensing notebook. This report and any related corrective action plans will be online for parents to review under the Statewide Search for Licensed Child Care Centers and Homes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Pavlovski', written in a cursive style.

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**MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
CHILD CARE LICENSING BUREAU  
SPECIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**

**I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION**

<b>License #:</b>	DC500296734
<b>Investigation #:</b>	2023D0023017
<b>Complaint Receipt Date:</b>	03/21/2023
<b>Investigation Initiation Date:</b>	03/22/2023
<b>Report Due Date:</b>	05/20/2023
<b>Licensee Name:</b>	St Peter's Lutheran Church
<b>Licensee Address:</b>	23000 Gratiot Eastpointe, MI 48021
<b>Licensee Telephone #:</b>	(586) 777-6300
<b>Administrator:</b>	Bethany Jablonowski
<b>Licensee Designee:</b>	Kimberly Romano
<b>Name of Facility:</b>	St Peter's Lutheran Early Childhood Ctr
<b>Facility Address:</b>	23120 Gratiot Avenue Eastpointe, MI 48021
<b>Facility Telephone #:</b>	(586) 447-9280
<b>Original Issuance Date:</b>	01/14/2009
<b>License Status:</b>	REGULAR
<b>Effective Date:</b>	07/08/2021
<b>Expiration Date:</b>	07/07/2023
<b>Capacity:</b>	182
<b>Program Type:</b>	CHILD CARE CENTER

## II. ALLEGATION(S)

	<b>Violation Established?</b>
The center is not providing appropriate notification or information to the parents regarding a lice outbreak that is occurring in the center.	No
There is concern that the center is not appropriately cleaning and screening for the lice outbreak.	No

## III. METHODOLOGY

03/21/2023	Special Investigation Intake 2023D0023017
03/22/2023	Special Investigation Initiated - On Site Onsite inspection from 12:20 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
03/23/2023	Contact - Telephone call received Telephone call from Licensee Designee Kimberly Romano
03/23/2023	Contact - Document Received Email documentation from Emily Dinh, Medical Entomologist, with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Infectious Disease Prevention
07/25/2023	Contact - Telephone call made Interviewed enrolled parents
07/26/2023	Exit Conference Exit conference with Licensee Designee Kimberly Romano

**ALLEGATION:** The center is not providing appropriate notification or information to the parents regarding a lice outbreak that is occurring in the center.

**INVESTIGATION:**

On 03/22/2023, I conducted an onsite inspection at the center and interviewed Licensee Designee/Program Director Kimberly Romano.

Upon arrival to the center Ms. Romano had just come out of a board meeting to discuss the lice outbreak with the board members from St. Peter's Lutheran Church. Ms. Romano met with the board members to discuss the steps that have been taken to control and eradicate the lice at the center. Ms. Romano explained that she and her child care staff members are doing the best they can with this outbreak with the partnership of her parents. The first case of lice identified was on September 6, 2022, in the toddler room with one child, Child A (female, 2 years old). The parent, Child A & B's Mother, was also a child care staff member in the preschool room next door. After the lice was confirmed on Child A in the morning and checking all the children/child care staff members, Ms. Romano sent a notification to the parents through the center's parent/school communication application at 12:00 p.m. informing them that there was one identified case and the steps the center is taking to ensure that the lice does not spread and encouraged the parents to do their head checks. Informational sheets regarding lice were provided to all the parents and the center's protocol with identified lice found while at the center. Ms. Romano provided verification that she communicated through the parent/school application dated September 6, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. In addition to the parent/school communication and providing educational materials for the parents, signs were posted in the classroom to further notify and remind the parents of the situation. The first case of lice discovered in September was an isolated incident identified with Child A and child care staff member/parent Child A & B's Mother. There were no further lice incidents until December 2022. Then on December 5, 2022, there was lice found in the preschool room with the same family from September, Child B (male, 3 years old). Parent notification was sent on December 5, 2022, through the parent/school application communication and reminded parents to complete head checks and the center's protocol for lice. Again, in December it was an isolated incident, and the family treated the lice and returned to the center with no further issues. On March 8, 2023, lice were found again in the toddler room with Child A. Child A and Child B were treated along with Child A & B's Mother at a professional head lice treatment center and did not return until March 22, 2023. The lice outbreak between the toddler and preschool room began outside of Child A and Child B on March 14<sup>th</sup> and ending March 21, 2023, as the last case identified. The lice were found on a total of 6 children between the two classes. Each case was either identified at the center or by a parent and then immediately notifications were sent to all parents. During the onsite inspection I was able to verify all the notifications sent by Ms. Romano to the parents through the center's parent/school communication application. Ms. Romano

was clear in her communication and provided all the necessary information for lice outbreak to her parents.

On 03/23/2023, I received phone call from Ms. Romano explaining that Child A and Child B were disenrolled from the center due to the ongoing lice infestation occurring at their home.

On 07/25/2023, I interviewed parents that have enrolled children in both the toddler and preschool room. Child C's Mother, Child D's Father, Child E's Mother, Child F's Mother, and Child G's Mother all reported that they were properly notified of the lice cases that were identified both at the center and at home of enrolled children from September through end of March with the center's parent/school communication application. Each time a case was identified, the center's lice protocols were also communicated and educational materials on lice was sent home with the children for the parents to review. In addition, signs of lice outbreak were posted in front of the classrooms as reminders for the parents and visitors. Child C's Mother, Child D's Father, Child E's Mother, Child F's Mother, and Child G's Mother did not have any issues or concerns with how the center handled the lice outbreak and felt the center did the best they could to communicate to the parents.

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>R 400.8155</b>	<b>Child accidents and incidents; child and staff illness.</b>
	<p><b>(4) If a center becomes aware that a staff member, volunteer, or child in care has contracted a communicable disease, then the center shall notify parents and provide all of the following information:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>(a) The name of the communicable disease the children were exposed to.</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>(b) The symptoms of the disease.</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>(c) Prevention measures as recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at the following website:</b>  <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/DiseasesConditions">https://www.cdc.gov/DiseasesConditions</a>.</p>
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	The center became aware of lice beginning with an isolated case in September 2022, December 2022, and then 6 more children in March 2023, and appropriately notified and informed parents that had children enrolled in their care.
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED</b>

**ALLEGATION:** There is concern that the center is not appropriately cleaning and screening for the lice outbreak.

**INVESTIGATION:**

On 03/22/2023, I conducted an onsite inspection at the center and interviewed Licensee Designee/Program Director Kimberly Romano.

Ms. Romano explained that the center is doing everything possible to contain, control, and eradicate the lice outbreak that started with one identified case in September and then in December with the same family household, and then six more identified cases in the toddler and preschool room in March. Immediately once the first case was identified, Ms. Romano researched about lice as much as she could through Centers for Disease and Control (CDC), Lice Clinics of America, Rapunzel Lice Boutique, and Michigan Head Lice Manual from Michigan Department of Community Health and followed all their recommendations. Ms. Romano provided verification of these documents/manuals that were in her possession at the time of the onsite inspection.

The lice protocol that was established for the center once identified included:

- Notification to the parents and educational materials on lice were provided
- Head checks completed of all children & child care staff members before entering classrooms
- If lice found on a person, a doctor's note required for their return stating they are lice and nit free
- All soft toys and dress up clothes etc. have been placed in dryers in the highest setting for 30 minutes and no longer in the classrooms
- Children's extra bedding and sheets were returned home for recommended cleaning
- Each of the children's belongings are bagged and kept separated from each other
- Hard toys and cots are sanitized multiple times a day
- The center has an existing contracted cleaning service that cleans and vacuums nightly all the rooms. Classrooms are vacuumed daily throughout the day as the children exit the rooms for outdoor playtime

During the onsite, I observed both the toddler and preschool classrooms had individual bags with the children's belongings hanging below their cubby storage and each child also had individual plastic bins for their bedding, blankets, pillows, and clothing. Toys were observed placed on the counter having been sanitized and drying. Cots were also being observed sanitized after napping ended for the children.

On 03/23/2023, I received phone call from Ms. Romano explaining that she followed up with the Health Department to inquire if there is anything more the center can do

with their lice outbreak in the two classrooms. Ms. Romano will forward the follow up e-mail to provide verification.

On 03/23/2023, an e-mail was forwarded from Ms. Romano from Emily Dinh, PhD, Medical Entomologist, with the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, Bureau of Infectious Disease Prevention. Dr. Din verified that Ms. Romano inquired with their department regarding the infestation of head lice at the center. Dr. Din stated that the center is following the department's recommendations and doing everything possible to manage the infestation. There were no further recommendations.

On 07/25/2023, I interviewed parents that have enrolled children in both the toddler and preschool room. Child C's Mother, Child D's Father, Child E's Mother, Child F's Mother, and Child G's Mother all reported that the center is doing the best they can to manage and contain the lice infestation. Children's belongings are separated and bagged, head checks were completed regularly and if lice/nits found on person, the child would have to leave the center and could not return until verification that they were lice-free. The center was regularly cleaning and sanitizing toys and cots, as well as vacuuming multiple times a day along with their regular night cleaning. The center always was clean, and they continued throughout the lice outbreak. The outbreak ended up resolving itself at the end of March and there have not been any further cases.

On 07/25/2023, I conducted an exit conference with Ms. Romano. No further lice cases identified at this time. There were no licensing violations found during the investigation.

<b>APPLICABLE RULE</b>	
<b>R 400.8380</b>	<b>Maintenance of premises.</b>
	<b>(1) The premises must be maintained in a clean and safe condition and must not pose a threat to health or safety.</b>
<b>ANALYSIS:</b>	During the lice outbreak that the center was experiencing, the center maintained their premises in a clean and safe condition and followed recommendations from lice experts to help contain, control, and eradicate the lice outbreak.
<b>CONCLUSION:</b>	<b>VIOLATION NOT ESTABLISHED</b>

**IV. RECOMMENDATION**

I recommend no change in the license status.



08/02/2023

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Linda Pavlovski  
Licensing Consultant

Date

Approved By:



08/21/2023

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Crecendra Boone  
Area Manager

Date