

Office of Louisiana State Fire Marshal

Code Enforcement and Building Safety

Department of Public Safety and Corrections Public Safety Services



August 22, 2016

To: OSFM Chiefs, Captains and Deputies; Department of Education; Department of Health and Hospitals

From: Chief H. "Butch" Browning, State Fire Marshal

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Re: Temporary Daycare Capacity

Temporary Capacity Increase for certain Daycare Occupancies

Many daycare occupancies have been affected by the recent flood waters and will be incapacitated until repairs are complete. In the meantime, the demand for these services continue and the burden will be placed on those existing non-affected facilities. As such, **until November 30, 2016**, a temporary increase in the occupant capacity for certain daycare centers may be available under the following conditions:

- The existing licensed daycare facility must be located within or very near a flood affected parish;
- The facility must NOT have received any flood water or other damage;
- An inspection must be performed by this office to determine the limit of the occupant load increase;
- The increase may not exceed a factor of 1 per 25 square feet;
- The allowed increase must be acceptable to the licensing agency.

An extension may be requested on a case by case basis with just cause.