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1 Introduction

Dubai Municipality has prepared these guidelines in accordance with the transparency and governance practices adopted in the Emirate of Dubai, and pursuant to Local Order No. (11) of 2003 concerning Public Health and Community Safety in the Emirate of Dubai.

Within the framework of strengthening proactive public health prevention in the Emirate of Dubai, the Guidelines for Returning to a Safe Educational Environment represent a fundamental step to ensure the safety of students, teachers, and staff.

These guidelines seek to provide a safe educational environment while adhering to the highest standards of health and safety. They encompass the elements of built environment health: public health, public safety, indoor air quality, water quality, and consumer product safety within built environments. This supports the mission of Dubai Municipality to plan, manage, and ensure the sustainability of the city through the delivery of leading municipal services that enhance people's happiness and well-being, in support of Dubai Municipality's vision.

2 Purpose

These guidelines have been prepared to ensure and enhance the compliance of educational institutions to the controls and requirements approved by Dubai Municipality following a return from a holiday exceeding three weeks. They also aim to achieve a high level of health and safety within the built environment and to enable oversight of the institutions' level of compliance. These guidelines are relevant to the return of students to schools, and all requirements of the technical guidelines regarding the compliance of educational institutions (DM-HSD-GU15-EIC1) must be adhered to.

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3 Objectives of the Guidelines

- Ensure compliance with unified environmental health requirements to achieve proactive public health prevention.
- Educate owners and operators of educational institutions, as well as the person in charge, about relevant environmental health risks.
- Ensure continuity of operations in alignment with the regulations in force in the Emirate of Dubai.
- Increase public awareness of environmental health within the built environment.

4 Laws and Regulations

- Local Order No. (11) of 2003 concerning Public Health and Community Safety in the Emirate of Dubai.
- Administrative Resolution No. (30) of 2007 issuing the Executive Regulations of Local Order No. (11) of 2003 concerning Public Health and Community Safety in the Emirate of Dubai.
- Cabinet Resolution No. (54) of 2019 concerning the UAE Scheme for the Control of Textile Products.

5 Scope of Work

These guidelines apply to all educational institutions, including private and public schools, universities and colleges, early childhood education centers, and kindergartens.

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6 Main Themes

▪ School Uniform

- It is mandatory to ensure that the school uniform is safe and compliant with the specifications approved by Dubai Municipality regarding the safety of textiles and fabrics. Suppliers must be required to provide certificates of conformity or the necessary approved laboratory test results prior to entering any contract.

Table No. (1): Required Tests and Acceptable Limits According to Cabinet Resolution No. (54) of 2019 UAE Scheme for the Control of Textile Products

No.	Test	Acceptable Limits
1	Formaldehyde content	20 ppm
2	Toxic metals: • Lead (Pb) • Cadmium (Cd) • Copper (Cu) • Nickel (Ni)	1 ppm 0.1 ppm 25 ppm 1 ppm
3	Total content of mono-, di-, and tri-phthalates	1000 ppm

- Supplies must be sourced from companies and factories holding valid licenses issued by the competent authorities.
- Approved laboratories: Dubai Central Laboratory or any other local or international laboratory accredited by the Emirates International Accreditation Centre (EIAC) to conduct the required tests.



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▪ Water Quality

- Cleaning and disinfection of the water system (water tanks, internal water distribution network, and/or any other water system) must be carried out prior to the return of students (within 10 to 15 days), by a company approved by Dubai Municipality, with all relevant reports retained.
- Faucet filters and showerheads within the institution must be cleaned and disinfected.
- The institution must have a policy in place to flush and operate all faucets and showers for several minutes to discharge stagnant water at least once per week if they are not in use.
- Water samples must be collected from the various water systems within the educational institution in accordance with the risk assessment and analysis mechanism and tested at a laboratory accredited by the Emirates International Accreditation Centre for Legionella bacteria, total bacterial count, as well as non-bottled drinking water standards.



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General Maintenance

- Maintenance of the water network, including the detection of leakage points and corroded parts, and repairing or replacing them as necessary.
- Maintenance of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems, including cleaning and replacing air filters in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Systems must also be inspected for leaks and damage.
- It must be ensured that painting works carried out within the institution do not adversely affect indoor air quality. This shall be verified by conducting accurate tests to measure indoor air quality levels and ensuring compliance with the approved environmental and health standards.
- Inspection and cleaning of air ducts in the event of contamination.
- Conducting technical inspections of playgrounds and related equipment, such as multi-level playground equipment (two levels or more), climbing walls exceeding 2 meters in height, and ground jumping equipment (e.g., trampolines), at least annually (once per year), or in the event of damage. Inspections must also be carried out at the beginning of the academic year, particularly for new equipment, by a company accredited by the Emirates International Accreditation Centre (EIAC), followed by ongoing periodic maintenance.



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Health and Safety

- All facilities and areas of the institution must be cleaned and disinfected, and records of all cleaning and disinfection activities must be maintained.
- A contract must be established with a company approved by Dubai Municipality to monitor and implement pest control and public health pest management at the beginning of the academic term.
- A valid occupational health certificate must be provided for all nursery and kindergarten teachers and their assistants, as well as physical education teachers.
- It must be ensured that protective soft padding is provided for all sharp and hard edges throughout educational institutions, particularly in play areas.
- All required instructional and warning signs and notices must be available and clearly displayed in their designated locations.



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7 References

- Technical Guidelines (15) on the Compliance of Educational Institutions.
- Technical Guidelines (119) for Indoor Air Quality for a Healthy Life.
- Technical Guidance (44) for the Control of Legionella Bacteria in Water Systems.

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