



Notice of Public Hearing for Let Them Grow Act Regulations FAQ

When can written comments be received?

Written comments can be submitted now through 11:59 PM on the day of the hearing. Residents are highly encouraged to submit written comments. Depending on the number of speakers at the public hearing, participants may be unable to provide oral comments. All written and oral comments will be reviewed and considered equally.

How will comments be accepted?

Interested persons are encouraged to provide written comments via mail, fax, or email, no later than 11:59 PM on the day of the hearing. Comments may be faxed to 402-742-2382, emailed to dhhs.regulations@nebraska.gov or mailed to:

DHHS Legal Services
PO Box 95026
Lincoln NE 68509-5026

When and where is the public hearing?

The public meeting will be held on November 28 from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at the Lancaster Event Center – Lincoln Room at 4100 N 84th St., Lincoln, NE 68507. Doors will open at 6:30 AM.

To ensure the Department can fully consider all comments, participants are strongly encouraged to provide a written copy of all intended oral comments.

How will the public hearing be structured? Who will speak first?

The order will be determined on the order of arrival of attendees.

Will there be a sign-in? What is the procedure for speakers?

When attendees arrive, they will be asked to get in line. When it is almost their turn to speak, they will be asked to provide their name, organization, and phone number at the table labeled as "table a."

- Attendees will then wait until they are invited to move to the speaker's chair.

- They will then give their three-minute testimony by first stating and spelling their name. The color green will signal to the speaker to begin their testimony. The color yellow will signal to the speaker they have one minute remaining in their testimony. The color red will signal the end of the speaker’s time. Please note, the Chief Medical Officer, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, reserves the right to decrease the allotted testimony to 2-minutes.
- Speakers will then have the option and are encouraged to submit a copy of their oral testimony at the table labeled as “table b”.

Is the public hearing open to the public?

Yes.

How long do participants have to speak at the public hearing?

Oral comments will be limited in duration to three minutes to maximize the number of speakers. The Chief Medical Officer, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, reserves the right to decrease the allotted testimony time to 2-minutes based on the number of individuals requesting to speak.

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How will public comments be evaluated?

Information provided through the public comment process will be evaluated in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-901 et seq.). Per statute, all comments received must be reviewed and evaluated.

Once the public comment process is complete, program staff will review all comments and complete a hearing summary.

What happens after the hearing summary is completed?

If no significant revisions are necessary, the regulation is reviewed by the Board of Health. The Department then formally adopts the regulation and sends it to the Attorney General for review.

How long will the public comment review take place?

This depends upon the number of public comments submitted and if revisions to the regulations are necessary.

Could the proposed regulations change after the November 28, 2023 public hearing?

Yes, after the November 28, 2023 hearing, the Department will review and consider all written and oral public comments as required by law. Based upon those comments the Department at its discretion may revise or change the regulations. If there are any material changes made to the regulations, a second public hearing will be required.

How can an accommodation be requested?

Auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations needed to participate in a hearing can be requested by calling 402-471-8417. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may call DHHS via the Nebraska Relay System at 711 or (800)833-7352 at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

To submit comments regarding regulations only please email DHHS.Regulations@nebraska.gov

For public records requests, please email DHHS.PublicRecords@nebraska.gov

For media inquiries, please email DHHS.PIO@nebraska.gov

For general questions regarding the regulations or for requests for clarification, please email DHHS.Letthemgrowact@nebraska.gov