

# Kent Social Services

*Nourishing body and spirit*

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Metis Construction has been the general contractor for a major building expansion at Kent Social Services for the past six weeks. The construction work involves adding an extension to one end of the building. In addition, offices are being constructed in an open area of the existing building. The offices of two employees had to be demolished in the process and the employees were relocated temporarily to the part of the same open area that is under construction. Initially the employees and the construction work was separated by just a sheet of plastic until the framing and drywall were installed. In other words, the employees are immediately adjacent to the area under construction, which could have created major operational problems.

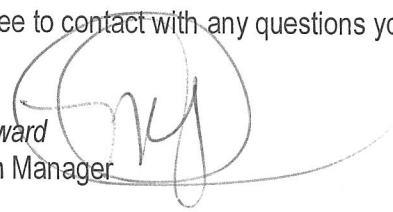
Dust generated by the construction was the greatest potential concern as our facility operates under a commercial food license. Kent Social Services prepares daily hot meal and operates a food pantry. These activities must comply with health and food safety requirements of the City of Kent Health Dept. and the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank.

Metis Construction officials spent a great deal of time with KSS staff and Kent City Health Dept. officials prior to the construction to ensure that the construction work would not interfere with daily food operations. Especially during the pandemic, it is vital that KSS remains open to provide greatly needed meals and groceries.

Metis Construction officials and construction workers have followed all of the numerous requirements, including Covid-19 safety requirements. They have worked with the staff to plan in advance for the periods when utility shutoffs and significant noise disruptions would need to take place. The Kent Health Dept. has inspected our operations during the construction period and found no construction-related issues that created a food safety concern. Metis Construction has worked very cooperatively to ensure that food operations remain uninterrupted and have done their best to minimize disruptions.

Please feel free to contact with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,  
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