

Childcare Setting Cleaning and Disinfecting Schedule

Cleaning and disinfecting are important to infection prevention and control in a child care setting. Some pathogens can live for hours, days or even weeks on toys, equipment and other surfaces. To reduce the spread of pathogens in your child care centre, the following table provides you with a cleaning and disinfecting schedule for different areas and items in your setting.

AREA	What to do	After each use	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Other
Play areas/surfaces						
Infant toys	Clean and disinfect*					2 times per week
Infant vinyl mats	Clean and disinfect*		X			
Plush toys (shared)	Launder	X				
Plush toys (individual) & dress-up clothes	Launder			X		
Water play table and toys	Clean and disinfect*	X				
Dry sensory food materials	Discard			X		
Dry sand table contents	Discard				X	
Dry play tables	Clean and disinfect*			X		
Sleep areas						
Cribs/cots	Clean and disinfect*			X		
Toys (sleep area)	Clean			X		
Linen/bedding	Launder			X		
Cots	Clean			X		
Washrooms/diaper changing area						
Diaper changing mat	Disinfect	X				
Diaper changing table & diaper pails	Clean and disinfect*		X			
Handwashing sink/toilets/floors	Clean and disinfect*		X			
Potty chairs	Clean and disinfect*	X				
Reusable towels	Launder	X				
Shared combs/brushes	Clean and disinfect*	X				
Common areas throughout the setting						
Carpets	Vacuum		X			Steam clean 4 times per year
Carpets (Infant room)	Steam clean				X	
Shelving	Clean			X		
Floors	Dry sweep and wet mop		X			Clean floors beneath rugs monthly
Vinyl mats	Clean			X		
Garbage containers	Empty		X			
Infant room						
Mouthed toys/soothers/pacifiers	Clean and disinfect*	X				
High chair, table tops and bibs	Clean and disinfect*	X				

*Ensure manufacturer's instructions for use are followed for product use and contact time.

NOTE: Cleaning and disinfecting to occur more often if contamination has occurred (e.g. increased illness in the classroom, child vomits on item, etc.).

Toy Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedure

Step 1	Inspect Inspect to ensure there are no loose parts of broken/jagged edges that could pose a safety hazard. Ensure toys can withstand cleaning and disinfection.
Step 2	Clean = Wash + Rinse + Dry Wash: Soap and water using a scrubbing action Rinse: Potable water Dry: Air dry or with disposable towels
Step 3	Disinfect Apply a disinfectant in one of the following ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fully immerse toys in the disinfectant for the required contact time.• For large toys squirt/stream flow disinfectant or apply a saturated cloth with disinfectant directly to the surface of the toy for the required contact time.
Step 4	Rinse Toys must be rinsed thoroughly with clean potable water following disinfectant.

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