

CHILD CARE SETTING

Cleaning and Disinfecting Schedule

Cleaning and disinfecting are the building blocks of an infection prevention and control program 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 the child care setting, adhere to a cleaning and disinfecting process.

Play Areas/Surfaces	What To Do	After Each Use	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
Mouthed toys, activity tabletops, highchairs	Clean and disinfect	✓			
All toys, equipment, and surfaces (infant room)	Clean and disinfect		✓		
All toys, equipment, and surfaces (toddler, preschool and school age)	Clean and disinfect			✓	
Absorbent material (dress up clothes and plush toys)	Launder			✓	
Water play toys, tables	Clean and disinfect		✓		
Natural items, dried food products, play dough <i>If items become wet or contaminated, discard immediately</i>	Discard			✓	
Sand used in sensory play	Discard			✓	
Sensory play tables	Clean and disinfect			✓	
Carpets	Vacuum		✓		Steam clean 3-6 months
Sleep Areas	What To Do	After Each Use	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
Crib rails, mattresses, cots, vinyl mats	Clean and disinfect			✓	
Bedding, linens	Launder			✓	
Clean and disinfect or launder after each use when used by different attendees					
Washrooms/Diaper Changing Area	What To Do	After Each Use	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
Potty chairs, toilet seat inserts	Clean and disinfect	✓			
Toilets	Clean and disinfect		✓		
Handwashing sinks	Clean and disinfect		✓		
Change table – with paper liner <i>Discard paper after each change</i>	Clean and disinfect		✓		
Change table – without paper liner	Clean and disinfect	✓			
Common Areas throughout the Setting	What To Do	After Each Use	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
Floors	Sweep/vacuum and mop with cleaning agent		✓		
Garbage containers	Clean and disinfect			✓	
Air vents	Vacuum and clean				✓
Cloth towels	Launder	✓			

Toy Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedure

Step 1	INSPECT Inspect to ensure there are no loose parts or 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 paper 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 disinfection

During an outbreak, toys in all affected rooms must be cleaned and disinfected with 'outbreak situation' disinfectant level daily or when visibly soiled. Absorbent material and any other toys that cannot be easily cleaned and disinfected must be removed from use until the outbreak is declared over. Communal sensory play must be terminated until the outbreak is declared over. Any sensory play items, such as play dough, in use before an outbreak is declared, must be discarded.

Please note that additional public health measures may be advised during an outbreak by York Region Public Health and the Ministry of Education.

For more information refer to **A Public Health Guide for Child Care Providers** at york.ca/ChildCareGuide