

# Child Care Centre Cleaning and Disinfecting Schedule

## General

### Important:

- Frequencies are minimum requirements during non-outbreak periods and increased as necessary
- Sufficient staff supervision to ensure contaminated items are not shared and removed when child is finished

PLAY / SLEEP AREAS	WHAT TO DO	After Each Use	Daily	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	Monthly
Mouthed / contaminated toys	Clean & disinfect	X				
Water play toys / table (no group water play for diapered children)	Clean & disinfect	X				
Table tops	Clean & disinfect	X				
Diaper change mat	Clean & disinfect	X				
Diaper hand wash sink	Clean & disinfect		X			
Diaper change table / underside of mat	Clean & disinfect		X			
Floors	Dry sweep & wet mop		X			
Carpets / area rugs	Vacuum (steam clean 2x / year)		X			
Floors beneath area rugs	Sweep			X		
Vinyl mats	Clean & disinfect			X		
Fabric upholstered furniture	Vacuum (steam clean 2x / year)			X		
Linen / bedding / slip covers	Launder			X		
Cots / cribs	Clean & disinfect	X (if not labelled)		X		X (school age)
Absorbent materials (e.g., dress-up clothes, plush toys, puzzles, cardboard)	Launder / Clean & disinfect / Discard			X		
Toys (includes large toys) / shelving	Clean & disinfect			X	X half-day or < 3x / week	
Play-dough / other moist sensory products with < 30% salt	Discard			X		
Sensory play items	Discard / Clean & disinfect			X		
Sensory play table	Clean & disinfect			X		X (sand table)
Natural items (e.g., bird's nest, stones)	Discard / Clean & disinfect			X		
Sensory play – sand	Discard					X

WASHROOMS	WHAT TO DO	After Each Use	Daily	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	Monthly
Cloth towels	Launder	X				
Combs & brushes (shared)	Clean & disinfect	X				
Potty chairs	Clean & disinfect	X				
Hand wash sinks / toilets / floors	Clean & disinfect		X			
Garbage containers	Empty		X			
Garbage containers	Clean & disinfect			X		
Toothbrush storage unit	Clean & disinfect			X		

INFANT / TODDLER ROOMS	WHAT TO DO	After Each Use	Daily	Weekly	Every 2 Weeks	Monthly
Cloth / plastic bibs	Launder / Clean & disinfect	X				
High chair trays / table tops	Clean & disinfect	X				
Floor mats (e.g., vinyl)	Clean & disinfect		X			
Carpets / area rugs	Vacuum (steam clean monthly)		X			
High chair seat and frame	Clean & disinfect			X		

### Remember:

- Cleaning and disinfecting are 2 separate steps! Refer to [Cleaning and Disinfection in CCCs](#) fact sheet.
- During an outbreak, contact the Health Department for further recommendations.



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