

Washoe County Department of Social Services

Regulations for Child Care Facilities

Addendum XI

CLEANING AND SANITIZING GUIDELINES FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS

All items must be cleaned with soap or detergent and water; then rinsed before sanitizing or disinfecting.

Area	Items to be Cleaned	Clean	Sanitize	Frequency
Classrooms / Child Care / Food Areas	Uncarpeted floors	X	X	Swept and mopped daily and when soiled
	Tabletops used for eating	X	X	Before and after contact with food activity.
	Surfaces and toys that go into the mouth or have been in contact with saliva	X	X	After each child's use, or use disposable, one-time utensils or toys.
	Bottles, bottle caps, nipples, pacifiers, teething toys	X	X	After each use. Clean insides of bottles, caps & nipples with a bottle brush & soapy water; squirt water through nipple, sanitize after each cleaning.
	Thermometers	X	X	After each use.
	High chair trays	X	X	At least daily and when soiled.
	Toys in rooms where older, non-diapered children are cared for	X	X	Weekly or sooner if soiled.
	Frequently touched toys in rooms in which infants and toddlers are cared for	X	X	Daily or sooner if soiled.
	Sleeping devices including cribs, crib mattresses, portable cribs and playpens	X	X	Weekly, before use by a different child, and whenever soiled or wet.
	Phone receivers	X	X	Weekly
	Water play table	X	X	Before adding water to table, discard after play done. Let air dry after sanitizing.
	Dress-up clothes not worn on the head. Sheets and pillowcases, individual cloth towels (if used), combs and hairbrushes, wash cloth and machine-washable cloth toys. (None of these items should be shared between children.)	X		Laundry machine washable items and place into a hot dryer weekly or sooner if soiled. During lice or similar infestation such items shall not be used.
	Carpets and large area rugs	X		Vacuum daily when children are not present. Clean carpets only when children will not be present until the carpet is dry. Clean carpets every three months or more often if necessary.
	Small rugs	X		Shake outdoors or vacuum daily, launder weekly.
Hats	X		After each child's use or use disposable hats that only one child wears.	
Toilet & Diapering Areas	Hand washing sinks, faucets, surrounding counters, soap dispensers, door knobs	X	X	Daily and when soiled.
	Toilet seats, toilet handles, door knobs or cubicle handles, bathroom floors	X	X	Daily, or immediately if visibly soiled.
	Toilet bowls	X	X	Daily.
	Changing tables, potty chairs (use of potty chairs in child care is discouraged because of high risk of contamination).	X	X	After each child's use.
General Facility	Mops	X	X	Before and after a day of use, wash mops in detergent and water, rinse in water, immerse in sanitizing solution, and wring out as dry as possible. After cleaning and sanitizing, hang mops or rags to dry.
	Cleaning rags	X	X	Laundry rags separately after each use. Place used rags in a receptacle with a tight fitting lid.
	Wade pools	X	X	Empty, clean and disinfect after each use.
	Waste and diaper containers	X	X	Daily and when visibly soiled.
	Any surface contaminated with body fluids: saliva, mucus, vomit, urine, or stool	X	X	Immediately after each soiling.

Adapted from: *Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards*. American Academy of Pediatrics, American Public Health Association, & National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care, 2002.
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