

Child care should maintain and/or implement practices recommended by the CDC in order to prevent the spread of respiratory infectious diseases, including COVID-19. The below is guidance provided by the Office of Early Childhood and Out of School Learning (OECOSL) to support programs in completing cleaning practices that are safe within a child care program.

Cleaning- is the physical removal of dirt and germs usually using soap and water, then rinsing.

Sanitizing- is the use of a chemical or heat above 170 degrees to reduce the level of germs to a greater level. Food contact surfaces are sanitized. Chemicals used can be chlorine (bleach), quaternary ammonium “Quat”, and iodine can be purchased as concentrates and diluted. Silver Citrate and Peroxyacetic acid are in “ready to use” products. All have formulations that can be used on food contact surfaces.

Disinfecting- is the use of a chemical or heat to with the intent to completely rid a surface of germs. Using this strength of chemicals or heat high enough to do this cannot be used on all surfaces.

Wear gloves (and aprons if there may be splashing or spraying of fluids) for all cleaning and sanitizing tasks. Open windows for ventilation.

Follow label directions! Some products should not be used on food contact surfaces as they are not safe for ingestion and need to be rinsed off. Never mix products. Use a 10% bleach solution for bloody body fluid clean-up per Universal Precautions guidelines.

Dishes, mouthable toys	Kitchens, tabletops, chairs, cribs & cots, doorknobs, toys, surfaces children frequently touch during the day	Public touch points, bathrooms, diaper tables, after hours/end of day	Laundry, cloth books and toys
1- Wash with soap and water 2- Rinse 3- Submerge with sanitizer safe for food contact surfaces 60 seconds 4- Bleach- 1 tsp/gallon of water 50 ppm -“Quat”- 200-400 ppm -Premixed Silver Citrate	1. Wash with soap and water 2. Rinse and dry 3. Spray or wipe and allow to remain wet for 60 seconds 4. Bleach- 1 Tablespoon/gallon 200ppm -“Quat”- 200-400 ppm -Premixed Silver Citrate -Premixed Peroxyacetic acid	1- Wash with soap and water 2- Rinse and dry 3- Spray or wipe and allow to remain wet for 60 seconds; some products require a longer time 4- Bleach- 1/3 cup/gallon 1,000ppm (1T/qt) -Premixed Silver Citrate	1- Do not shake laundry 2- Wash according to manufacturer’s directions in the warmest water possible 3- For loads of cloth cot covers, blankets and washcloths, wash in hot

<p>-Premixed Peroxyacetic acid 5- Air dry 6 Must use a product safe for food contact surfaces</p>	<p>5- Air dry 6 Use a product safe for food contact surfaces.</p>	<p>-Premixed Peroxyacetic acid 5- Air Dry May use a multipurpose “1 step” product</p>	<p>tap water with 1 cup of bleach per load. 4- Dry thoroughly</p>
<p>Use this procedure after every use.</p>	<p>Use this procedure frequently throughout the day in the classroom.</p>	<p>Quaternary ammonia “Quat” products are not recommended for use because of a 10 minute dwell time.</p>	