

Child Care Centre

Cleaning and Disinfection Schedule

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Use this resource with the [Infection Prevention and Control in Child Care Centres Checklist](#).

Item / Area	After each use	Daily [†]	Weekly [†]	Other [†]
Toys and Sensory Items				
Mouthed and Infant toys (not mouthed)	✓			
Water toys, water play table (drain, dry, and disinfect)	✓			
Other toys		✓		
Plush toys and dress-up clothes			✓	Laundry to clean
Play dough* (Individually portioned and labelled)			✓	*Discard both homemade and commercial weekly
Indoor play sand*				*Discard Monthly
Sensory play table				After emptying and before refilling
Sensory storage bins			✓	
Indoor play structures			✓	
Outdoor play structures				Monthly and as needed
Nature-based play items				Replaced when wet or damaged
Sleep Area				
Cots, Cribs, Linen, Bedding, and Mattresses			✓	After each use if shared
Eating Area				
Bibs, face cloths, towels (if shared)	✓			
Food contact surfaces (Sanitize highchairs, table tops) [‡]	✓			
Washrooms and Diaper Change Area				
Toilets		✓		
Potty seats / toilet inserts	✓			
Diaper change mats / pads	✓			If liner is used, dispose after use
Diaper change table		✓		
Surfaces (e.g., counters, hand washing sinks)		✓		
Toothbrush holders			✓	
Floors (sweep, disinfect)		✓		
General				
Floors Carpets* / Area rugs* (vacuum)		✓		*Steam clean minimum twice a year
Garbage containers (empty)		✓	✓*	*Disinfect container
Shelving				Monthly
Cushion covers (launder)			✓	
Vinyl mats		✓		
High touch surfaces (e.g., door knobs, light switches, railings)		✓		Frequency may increase during outbreaks

[†]Clean and disinfect as needed (e.g. when visibly soiled, during periods of increased illness in the child care centre) in addition to the minimum expected frequency.

[‡]Sanitize means to treat food contact surfaces to reduce microorganisms to a level that will not compromise food safety, as defined in Ontario Regulation 493/17 (as current).