

TOY CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

Toys	What is Required	When is Required
Toys that are mouthed	Clean and disinfect	After each mouthing
Toys in the infant room	Clean and disinfect	Daily or when visibly soiled
Toys in the toddler, preschool and other rooms	Clean and disinfect	Weekly or when visibly soiled, before and after sharing between cohorts, and if frequently touched, at least twice daily
Plush/cloth toys	Launder	Weekly or when visibly soiled, before and after sharing between cohorts, and if frequently touched, at least twice daily
Dress up clothes	Launder	Weekly or when visibly soiled, before and after sharing between cohorts, and if frequently touched, at least twice daily

When the child care setting has an outbreak, toys in all affected rooms must be cleaned and disinfected daily or when visibly soiled. An "Outbreak Situation" level of disinfectant must be used to disinfect toys during an outbreak is declared. Plush/cloth and any other toys that cannot be easily cleaned and disinfected must be removed from use until the outbreak is declared over.

Steps	Toy Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedure
Step 1	INSPECT Inspect all toys to ensure there are no loose parts or broken/jagged edges that could pose a safety hazard
Step 2	CLEAN = WASH + RINSE + DRY Wash - Toys must be washed with soap and water using a scrubbing action Rinse - Toys must be rinsed using clean potable water Dry - Allow toys to air dry or dry with disposable paper towels
Step 3	DISINFECT Apply a disinfectant in one of the following ways: 1. Immersion – Fully immerse toys in the disinfectant for the required contact time 2. For large toys that cannot be immersed – Apply disinfectant directly on the surface for the required contact time or use a cloth, saturated with disinfectant, and apply 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

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

Please note that additional public health measures may be advised during an outbreak or pandemic by YRPH and the Ministry of Education.