Child Care Centre
Cleaning and Disinfecting Schedule

Cleaning and disinfecting are the building blocks of an infection prevention and control program in a child care setting. Some pathogens can live for hours, days or even weeks on toys, equipment and other surfaces. To reduce the spread of pathogens in the child care centre, adhere to a daily two-step cleaning and disinfecting process.

Play Areas/Surfaces	What To Do	After Each Use	Daily	Weekly
Mouthed toys	Clean and disinfect	✓		
All toys (infant room)	Clean and disinfect		✓	
All toys (toddler, preschool and school age)	Clean and disinfect			✓
Items made from absorbent materials (e.g., dress up clothes and plush toys)	Launder			✓
Water play toys	Clean and disinfect		✓	
Water play tables	Clean and disinfect		✓	
Play dough	Discard			✓
Dry food used in sensory play	Discard			✓
Sand used in sensory play	Discard			✓
Sensory play tables	Clean and disinfect			✓
Activity table tops/high chairs	Clean and disinfect	✓		
Carpets	Vacuum		✓	
Floors	Clean and disinfect		✓	
Sleep Areas	**What To Do**	**After Each Use**	**Daily**	**Weekly**
Crib rails	Clean and disinfect			✓
Crib mattresses	Clean and disinfect			✓
Cots	Clean and disinfect			✓
Bedding/linens	Launder			✓
Vinyl mats	Clean and disinfect			✓
Washrooms	**What To Do**	**After Each Use**	**Daily**	**Weekly**
Potty chairs	Clean and disinfect	✓		
Toilet seat inserts	Clean and disinfect	✓		
Toilets	Clean and disinfect		✓	
Handwashing sinks	Clean and disinfect		✓	
Garbage containers	Clean and disinfect			✓
Diaper change pads	Clean and disinfect	✓		
Floors	Clean and disinfect		✓	

This schedule provides the minimum frequency requirements that apply to normal child care centre operating conditions. When there is increased illness in the centre or an outbreak is declared, extra cleaning and disinfecting will be necessary.

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