



# Mecklenburg County Health Department

## Child Care Center Cleaning Guide

### Classroom Cleaning

#### **Daily / As Needed**

- **Toilet and lavatory fixtures**
  - shall be cleaned and DISINFECTED with a solution of 500 PPM to 800 PPM chlorine (bleach) solution or other approved disinfectant shall be used. The toilet fixtures must be left glistening wet when using a bleach solution.
- **Common work areas** such as play dough tables or **water tables** shall be cleaned and sanitized.
  - Water in water tables shall be discarded after each play session and more often if visibly soiled.
  - Children should **wash their** hands prior to playing with common tables to avoid the introduction of germs in the water or play dough.
  - water tables and associated toys shall be cleaned with soapy water, rinsed with clean water, and then soaked with a 50-200 ppm chlorine solution, or other approved sanitizer, for at least 2 minutes, and allow to air dry.
- **Doorknobs, tabletops, chairs, and other furniture**
  - Spray with soapy water to remove debris, wipe off with disposable paper towel, and then spray with a 50-200 PPM chlorine solution (sanitizer) until glistening wet, and allow surface to air dry for at least 2 minutes.
- **Water sensitive furniture (i.e. wood bookcases, etc.)**
- **Linens in rooms caring for children less than 12 months of age**
- **Soiled clothing** (stored out of reach / sent home daily)
- **Wash cloths, bibs, and burping cloths** (used only once)
- **Carpeted areas** (vacuumed daily)

#### **Weekly / As Needed**

- **Mat or cot linens**
- **“Dress up” clothes**

#### **Every 6 Months**

- **Wall to wall carpet** (extraction cleaned)

#### **RULE REFERENCES:**

- 15A NCAC 18A .2817 (TOILETS)
- 15A NCAC 18A .2818 (LAVATORIES)
- 15A NCAC 18A .2821 (BEDS, COTS, MATS, AND LINENS)
- 15A NCAC 18A .2822 (TOYS, EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE)
- 15A NCAC 18A .2824 (FLOORS)

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