

Cleaning, Sanitizing and Disinfecting With Bleach

For early care and education facilities

Clean first!

Scrub with soap and warm water and rinse. Always clean surfaces to remove visible soil before sanitizing or disinfecting to remove all dirt and contamination.

Next mix bleach solution.

Mix bleach with cool water. Mix fresh solutions daily. Do not mix liquid bleach with other cleaning products, toilet bowl cleaners or ammonia, which may release hazardous gases into the air.

Then sanitize or disinfect.

- Wet entire surface until glistening.
- Leave solution on surface for two minutes.
- Dry with a paper towel or air-dry.

Store all cleaning products where children cannot reach them.

Sanitizing: Reducing germs on surfaces to safer levels

- **Sanitize after EACH use:**
 - Children's mouthed toys
 - Food service areas, dishes
- **Sanitize daily or when soiled:**
 - Dishcloths, synthetic sponges
 - Common surfaces (other than in bathrooms), floors, mats, tables, countertops and hard surfaces, door knobs, etc.

Sanitizing solution

10 drops bleach/pint water

¼ teaspoon bleach/quart water

1 teaspoon bleach/gallon water

Disinfecting: Destroying or inactivating most germs

- **Disinfect after EACH use:**
 - Diaper changing surface
- **Disinfect daily or when soiled:**
 - Bathroom areas:
 - Toilet bowls and seats and flush handles
 - Toilet training equipment
 - Sinks, faucets

Disinfecting solution

½ tablespoon bleach/pint water

1 tablespoon bleach/quart water

¼ cup bleach/gallon water

Mixing Sanitizing and Disinfecting Solutions



1 pint solution

Sanitizing

10 drops bleach/pint water

Disinfecting

½ tablespoon bleach/pint water



1 quart solution

Sanitizing

¼ teaspoon bleach/quart water

Disinfecting

1 tablespoon bleach/quart water



1 gallon solution

Sanitizing

1 teaspoon bleach/gallon water

Disinfecting

¼ cup bleach/gallon water

