



# Cleaning and Disinfection Schedule

This resource has been developed by the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society (BCACCS) to align with the recommendations of the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) and BC Ministry of Health (MoH) [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for Child Care Settings](#) and [cleaning and disinfecting](#) webpage as well as the [BC Child Care Licencing Regulations](#). Please note a few areas indicate cleaning and disinfection that is over and above public health recommendations.

In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 the BCCDC and MoH recommend increased cleaning and disinfection.

The BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) states the following:

- **Cleaning:** the physical removal of visible soiling (e.g., dust, soil, blood, mucus). Cleaning removes, rather than kills, viruses and bacteria. It is done with water, detergents, and steady friction from cleaning cloth.
- **Disinfection:** the killing of viruses and bacteria. A disinfectant is only applied to objects; never on the human body.

In child care settings all disinfection/sanitizing products should be selected to be safe for use with young children and approved by licensing.

Cleaning & Disinfection Schedule	Before each use	After each use	Twice a day (high contact)	Daily (end of day or when soiled)	Weekly	Monthly
<b>Food areas</b>						
Food preparation surface/ countertop	✓	✓		✓		
Eating utensils & dishes		✓				
Highchair	✓	✓				
Mixed use tables (may be used for meals other activities)	✓	✓		✓		
Food preparation appliances		✓				
Refrigerator					✓	✓
Cupboard/appliance handles			✓			
Taps/faucets			✓			
<b>Indoor play areas</b>						
Mouthed toys		✓				
Pacifiers		✓		✓		
Machine washable cloth toys				✓*		
Dress-up clothes						
Shelves and furniture					✓	✓
Mixed use tables	✓	✓		✓		
Manipulatives/play materials**				✓		



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<b>Toilet &amp; diapering areas</b>						
Changing tables		✓		✓		
Potty chairs		✓		✓		
Sinks & faucets			✓			
Countertops			✓	✓		
Toilets				✓		
Toilet seat/potty seat, toilet lever		✓	✓ ***			
Diaper pails				✓		
<b>Sleeping areas</b>						
Bed sheets & pillowcases		✓		✓		
Cribs, cots & mats		✓		✓		
Blankets		✓		✓		
<b>Playground ***</b>						
Gate latches			✓			
Sand toys/outdoor manipulatives				✓		✓
Ride on toys				✓		
<b>Cubby room</b>						
Pens		✓				
Spare clothes/shoes		✓				
Cubbies ****				✓		
<b>General</b>						
Garbage bins				✓		
Door handles			✓			
Light switches			✓			
Cupboard handles			✓			
Grab bars			✓			
Handrails			✓			
Tables			✓			
phones			✓			
Keyboards/tablets			✓			
Windows*****					✓	
Floors				✓		

\*Or remove

\*\*In order to further reduce exposure in between group usage it is recommended to clean between primary playgroups

\*\*\*These are over and above the BCCDC and MoH cleaning and disinfecting recommendations

\*\*\*\*Ideally each child should have an individual cubby to reduce the risk of exposure. If this is not possible consider alternate strategies

\*\*\*\*\*Or when soiled

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