



Guideline for Cleaning and Sanitizing Toys

How to clean and sanitize

1. Clean with liquid soap (or dish detergent) and water to remove visible dirt and soil. Use paper towels or cloths which are washed daily. Avoid using sponges.
2. Rinse surfaces with water. Make sure there is no remaining soap residue.
3. Sanitize toys to get rid of germs.
Use 1/4 teaspoon unscented bleach per quart of cool water.
Use 1/8 teaspoon unscented bleach per 16 oz. spray bottle.
4. Allow the bleach solution to remain on surfaces for 2 minutes. Wipe dry with a clean paper towel or air dry.
5. Many toys can be cleaned and sanitized using a dishwasher with a “sani-cycle” or set to heat dry.
6. Stuffed toys can be washed in a hot washer and dried in a hot dryer.

How often

1. Toys must be cleaned and sanitized daily when handled/mouthed by students.
2. Toys placed in the mouth should be cleaned and sanitized after each use by different children.
3. Stuffed toys must be laundered once a week.

Caution!

1. Prepare bleach solution daily! Wear protective eyewear and gloves when handling bleach. Use a MSDS-labeled plastic spray container with the concentration of the bleach solution marked on the bottle.
2. Discard unused solution.
3. NEVER mix bleach with any other cleaners!
4. Keep bleach/solution in a locked cabinet, away from food and not accessible to students.
5. Avoid using bleach solution when students are in program. Use in a well ventilated area.