

Sanitization of the Space, Toys and Equipment Procedures and Information

These procedures are based on Ministry guidelines with the consultation of Toronto Public Health. All staff/volunteers are required to review and be trained with all the new protocols.

Cleaning Protocols

Classrooms

Classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized twice a day (i.e. during morning and afternoon outdoor gross motor time). Cleaning and sanitation will also be done on a need basis as well (i.e after meals and snacks, whenever cleaning up bodily fluids).

Frequently Touched Surfaces

Frequently touched surfaces will be frequently cleaned and disinfected throughout the day as they are most likely to become contaminated (for example, doorknobs, water fountain knobs, light switches, toilet and faucet handles, electronic devices, and tabletops).

Outdoor Playground

All play structures and equipment that are used will be cleaned and disinfected after each use by each cohort/classroom group. Classrooms will have designated toys and equipment (e.g., balls, loose equipment) for each classroom or cohort. Where toys and equipment are shared, they should be cleaned and disinfected prior to being shared. The path leading to the playground (i.e. stair railings) should also be cleaned and sanitized after each classroom/cohorts use.

Children's Washroom

At KCELC, the toddler and preschool washrooms are shared. Due to this, additional measures are needed to be in place to minimize the spread of infections.

- Washrooms will be cleaned and sanitized after each washroom routine; and
- We will stagger the washroom routine times as necessary; and
- Toilet and sinks will be designated for a cohort.
 - Preschool – 2 toilet and sink set closest to their classroom. Middle set is not used by either classroom.
 - Toddler – 1 toilet and sink set closest to their classroom. Middle set is not used by either classroom.

Cleaning Log

All cleaning and disinfecting conducted at KCELC will be recorded on a 'cleaning and disinfecting log' in order to track and demonstrate cleaning schedules.

Disinfection Product Information

Day-to-Day Disinfecting

During the course of the day, KCLEC will use Oxivir Tb to disinfect toys, equipment and all other surface areas the children and staff come in contact with.

Oxivir Tb is included on the Health Canada list of products which are effective against human coronavirus strain 229E and likely to kill the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19 illness. The following is a link to the list on the Health Canada website.

For more information about Oxivir Tb, please refer to the Spec Sheet in the resource section of our COVID-19 webpage.

Evening Disinfecting

In the evening our cleaning staff will perform a deep cleaning of the facility which includes disinfecting with the latest technology - the Clorox Total 360 System. The Electrostatic properties of this this applicator ensures that all surfaces of the day care will be covered.

For more information about Clorox Total 360 machine, please refer to the Spec Sheet or video link in the resource section of our COVID-19 webpage.

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Toys

Toys and activities in the classroom will be cleaned and disinfected everyday. Most toys will be disinfected by our commercial dishwasher, which reaches temperature of 180 degrees Fahrenheit (which is high enough to kill viruses). Toy which cannot fit into the dishwasher, we will disinfect with Bioesque Botanical Disinfectant.

Dry toys in a designated area are separated from bathrooms, change tables and protected from sources of contamination.

Sleeping Cots and Cribs

Cots and cribs will be cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis. Linens will be laundered in the highest temperature weekly. Soiled linens will be cleaned/sanitized immediately (the soiled cot/crib will also be cleaned and disinfected).

Washrooms

Washrooms will be cleaned and disinfected after each use.

Additional Precautions

At KCELC, we will ensure that the cleaning and disinfecting products are used properly following manufacturer's instructions with training. We will also ensure that cleaning products have not expired.

Procedure Review

This policy and procedure will be reviewed and signed off by all employees/volunteers prior to commencing employment at KCELC, and at any time where a change is made.