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F.M. Kirby Children's Center of the Madison Area YMCA

COVID-19 Cleaning and Disinfecting Policy for Classrooms

Because the risk of transmission of COVID-19 in a childcare setting appears to be a higher than the risk of transmission of other illnesses, and because COVID-19 can potentially cause serious illness in some people, the CDC has recommended increase cleaning standards in addition to the ones centers already follow.

1. Clean and Sanitize Toys:

- Toys that cannot be cleaned and sanitized will not be used.
- Toys that children *have placed in their mouths* or that are otherwise contaminated by body secretions or excretions will be set aside in a bin clearly marked "soiled" until they are cleaned by hand by a person wearing gloves as follows: Clean with water and detergent, rinse, sanitize with an EPA-registered disinfectant (or put through a sanitizer) rinse again, and air-dry.
- Machine washable cloth toys will be used by one individual at a time or should not be used at all. These toys will be laundered before being used by another child.
- Toys will not be shared with other groups of children, unless they are washed and sanitized before being moved from one group to the other.
- Toys that need to be cleaned will be set aside in a bin clearly marked "Soiled" until they can be cleaned with soap and water by a person wearing gloves. Washing with soapy water is the ideal method for cleaning.
- Toys will be rotated between classrooms after they are cleaned.
- *Children's books, like other paper-based materials such as mail or envelopes, are not considered a high risk for transmission and do not need additional cleaning or disinfection procedures.*

2. Clean and Disinfect Bedding

- Children's bedding will be kept separate, and each child will have a labeled plastic bag to store his/her bedding.
- Matts will be labeled for each child.
- Bedding will be sent home weekly to be laundered by the parent and returned.

3. Daily Classroom Cleaning Requirements

- Routinely clean, sanitize, and disinfect surfaces and objects that are frequently touched and are not ordinarily cleaned on a daily basis. These include but are not limited to:
 - doorknobs
 - light switches
 - classroom sink handles
 - countertops
 - nap pads
 - toilet training potties

- desks
- chairs
- cubbies
- playground structures such as handrails, monkey bars and surfaces
- Staff may use bleach solution typically used by our center to sanitize tables, or sanitizing wipes if available.
- Staff will wear gloves when disinfecting surfaces.

4. Washing, Feeding, or Holding a Child- when washing, feeding, or holding very young children

- Childcare providers can protect themselves by wearing an over-large button-down, long sleeved shirt and by wearing long hair up off the collar in a ponytail or other updo.
- Childcare providers should wash their hands, neck, and anywhere touched by a child's secretions.
- Childcare providers should change the child's clothes if secretions are on the child's clothes. They should change the button-down shirt, if there are secretions on it, and wash their hands again.
- Contaminated clothes should be placed in a plastic bag or washed in a washing machine.
- Infants, toddlers, and their providers should have multiple changes of clothes on hand in the childcare center or home-based child care.
- Childcare providers should wash their hands before and after handling infant bottles prepared at home or prepared in the facility. Bottles, bottle caps, nipples, and other equipment used for bottle-feeding should be thoroughly cleaned after each use by washing in a dishwasher or by washing with a bottlebrush, soap, and water.

Other Notes

- All water fountains will be turned off.
- All hallway bathrooms will be closed. Children will use only the bathrooms in their individual classrooms, or the outdoor bathroom.
- Teachers will wipe down the bathroom in between children.
- Staff will carry sanitizing wipes and will wipe down door handles and banisters as they follow behind the children.