

Hucklebug Preschool Inc.		Section:2.8.43
Last Approval Date: June 24 /2020 Latest Approval Date:	Policy:COVID -19 Enhanced Cleaning and Disinfection Policy Policy Number: 43	Corresponding Forms: Use of PPE Policy, Exclusion of Sick Children/Staff Policy, Active Screening Policy, Max Capacity Policy, Operational Checklist, COVID Guide to Reopening, Active screening checklists

1 Purpose

This policy is in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the requirement for the City of Peterborough to establish written policies and procedures outlining the operator's health and safety protocols to support the safe re-opening of child care centres. This policy adheres to the advice of Dr. David Williams, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, the Ministry of Education's Operational Guidance for Re-opening and local Medical Officer of Health to keep people safe.

The purpose of this policy is to keep all persons entering the facility safe and to outline all required procedures to be strictly implemented and adhered to daily.

2 Application

This Procedure applies to:

- All persons entering the child care facility – including children, staff (including cooks, cleaners), and visitors (inclusive of parents/guardians).

3 Definitions/Acronyms

CCLS – Child Care Licensing System

COVID-19 – is a disease caused by the 2019 novel coronavirus

MOH – Medical Officer of Health

PPE - Personal Protective Equipment

PPH – Peterborough Public Health

4 Procedure

Disinfectants commonly used in childcare settings are effective against COVID-19. It is important to choose an approved disinfectant with a drug identification number (DIN). It must be appropriate for the surface it is being used on and the contact time (time the surface stays wet) must be achievable.

As per Public Health Ontario's recommendations, frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected at least twice per day or more often as required (for example, toys, learning materials, doorknobs, water fountain knobs, light switches, toilet and faucet handles, electronic devices, and tabletops).

Efforts should be made to ensure sharing of items is limited and items are cleaned and disinfected after each use. Items used by children should be of a material that allows them to be easily cleaned and disinfected at least twice daily; such as items with hard surfaces. To maintain a physical distance of 2 metres between individuals and limit the spread of pathogens, items such as toys should be limited to one child at a time and cleaned and disinfected after each use.

Items that are not able to be cleaned and disinfected easily or at least twice daily should be removed from use at this time. Activities which do not allow for a physical distance of 2 metres between individuals and where media cannot be easily cleaned and disinfected should also be discontinued at this time. Examples of items and activities that should be discontinued include but are not limited to the following:

- soft toys
- items that require laundering such as dress up clothes
- paper materials that are unable to be cleaned and disinfected such as books, puzzles, cards, magazines
- sensory play including the use of water, sand and dry foods
- use of wading pools
- use of outdoor playgrounds (excluding on-site playground)

The use of personal items such as tablets and books are not recommended; use of these items by staff must be closely monitored to ensure items are maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and are not shared between individuals.

It is recommended that enhanced cleaning and disinfection principles be applied to all aspects of the facility and may include the following:

- cleaning and disinfection of toilets, changing tables, and potties after each use
- cleaning and disinfection of sleeping mats, cribs and cots after each use
- bedding is designated for each child and laundered weekly or more often if required

Rest Time

To further reduce the risk of illness, a minimum of 2 metres should be maintained between children’s napping arrangements. Beds, cribs and cots should be arranged so that children are napping ‘head-to-toe’.

Cleaning Log

Operators are required to keep a cleaning and disinfecting log to track and demonstrate cleaning schedules.

This policy is in addition to Public Health Ontario’s Cleaning and Disinfection for Public Settings’ document <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet-covid-19-environmental-cleaning.pdf?la=en> and the Operational Guidance During COVID-19 – Child Care Reopening document <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/child-care-re-opening-operational-guidance.pdf>.

5 Amendments/Reviews

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