

# ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING & DISINFECTING HUDDLE

Guidance for child care programs in the midst of COVID-19

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# Introduction

Healthy Child Care Colorado is hosting a series of huddles to elevate needs that arise and provide information that can support child care programs throughout the COVID-19 crisis.

## **What is a huddle?**

A huddle is a short meeting that occurs frequently so teams are informed and aligned. Huddles also provide a venue for participants to share, celebrate, and motivate one another.

# Huddle Etiquette

- Please keep yourself on mute
- Use the chat box to ask questions
- The huddle is being recorded and posted on our website



# Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Disinfecting Routines

Maintain your normal cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting routines

*With a few extra steps during our COVID-19 Response*



# Definitions

Clean means to remove dirt and debris by vacuuming or scrubbing and washing with soap and water

Disinfect means to eliminate most or all pathogens. This is generally accomplished by the use of liquid chemical solutions such as a mixture of household bleach and water.

- A full list of products effective against the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 can be found on the CDPHE website here: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/schools-workplaces-community>
- Look for “Environmental Cleaning Guidance for COVID-19”
- Follow labeled instructions for disinfection, including contact time.

# Disinfect

Disinfection is for surfaces that may have been contaminated with high hazard body fluids: diaper changing table, toilets, and other surfaces that have come in contact with feces, blood, or vomit.

- To reduce the spread of the novel corona virus, disinfection should be expanded to include commonly touched surfaces and toys.

Toys should be disinfected daily and rinsed before they are returned to use. Commonly touched surfaces should be disinfected throughout the day based on usage.

# Cleaning and Disinfecting Products

- Continue to use the same cleaning and disinfecting products you have been using
- If you have trouble getting disinfecting products from your regular suppliers refer to the CDPHE Environmental Cleaning Guidance for COVID-19 for an EPA list of products effective against the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 for alternatives
- If you continue to have trouble obtaining disinfectants, check with your local school districts and community partners to see if they have supplies they can spare.

# Commonly touched surfaces

- Commonly touched surfaces include door knobs, light switches, chairs, *tables, and toys.*
  - When tables used to serve food or toys are disinfected, they should be rinsed before they are returned to use.



# Sanitizing

- Sanitizing is not as strong as disinfecting, but still removes many pathogens and is safe to use on surfaces used for food preparation.
- Sanitizers must be EPA registered and approved for use on food contact surfaces. A simple solution of sanitizer can be made using unscented chlorine bleach.
  - Follow labeled instructions for sanitizing, including contact time.
  - Use test strips to achieve 50 to 200 PPM

# Sanitizing

- Sanitizing should still be used for surfaces in kitchens and that are used to prepare food or bottles, or food contact surfaces.

# Laundry

- Cleaning and disinfecting clothing, towels, and linens
- Launder clothing, towels and linens on the highest heat setting or use a laundry disinfectant.
  - Then dry the items completely on the dryer's highest heat setting.

# Resources

- Updated guidance can be found on the CDPHE website
  - <https://covid19.colorado.gov/>
- Communications to child care programs can be found on the CDHS website
  - <http://coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.force.com/oec/home?lang=en>

# Upcoming Trainings and Huddles for Child Care Programs

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## ECE HUDDLES

Join us to hear updates on various COVID-19 related topics at an upcoming ECE Huddle

### CLEANING AND SANITATION PRACTICES

Guidance for child care programs on environmental cleaning and disinfecting in the midst of COVID-19

**Presenter:** Therese Pilonetti, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

**Date:** March 24th, 2020

**Time:** 12:30 pm-1:00 pm

**Registration:** <https://bit.ly/2J2vMcu>

### EMERGENCY CHILD CARE SERVICES

Learn about the need for emergency child care and how you can help the emergency workers and essential personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic. We will answer some frequently asked questions and share some resources that can help support your program.

**Presenter:** Carin Rosa, Colorado Department of Human Services

**Date:** March 25th, 2020

**Time:** 1:00 pm-1:45 pm

**Registration:** <https://bit.ly/2U9NOQB>

**\*Please note that space is limited to the first 500 registrants.**

#### Additional Information:

You can visit

[www.covidchildcarecolorado.com](http://www.covidchildcarecolorado.com)

to learn more about how you can help provide care to the children of emergency, health care, and essential personnel during the COVID-19 epidemic.

To learn about upcoming huddles and find COVID-19 resources visit our website at

[www.healthychildcareco.org](http://www.healthychildcareco.org)

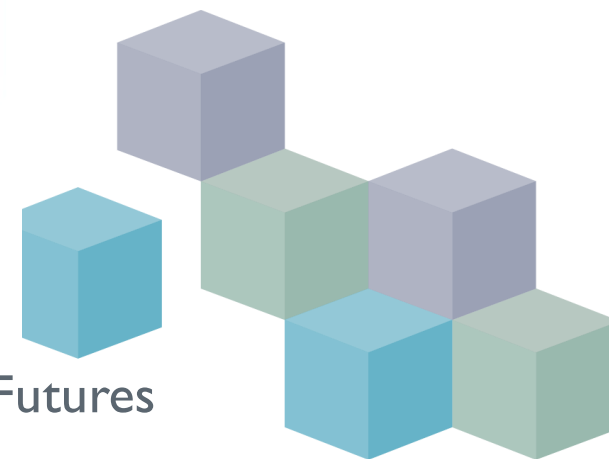
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# Upcoming Webinar Trainings

- 3/25 Creating Quality Outdoor Learning Environments
- 4/1 Building Brains: Influencing Healthy Development in Early Childhood
- 4/8 Caring Connections: Fostering Strong Relationships with Infants and Toddlers
- 4/15 Nurturing Social-Emotional Growth
- 4/22 Let's Get Healthy! Guiding Young Children to Eat Healthy and Play Hard
- 4/29 Creating Quality Outdoor Learning Environments
- 5/6 Building Brains: Influencing Healthy Development in Early Childhood
- 5/13 Nurturing Social-Emotional Growth
- 6/3 Let's Get Healthy! Guiding Young Children to Eat Healthy and Play Hard
- 6/10 Caring Connections: Fostering Strong Relationships with Infants and Toddlers

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