

Burlington Montessori Preschool

Sanitary Health and Safety Protocols During Covid -19

Policy

Burlington Montessori Preschool is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for children, families and employees. BMP will take every reasonable precaution to prevent the risk of communicable diseases within all of our locations.

Legislative Authority/ Regulations/ Guidelines

Child Care Early Years Act (CCEYA) 2014, O. Reg. 137/15

Operational Guidance During COVID-19 Outbreak

Public Health Ontario, *Cleaning and Disinfection for Public Settings*

Public Health Ontario, *Hand Hygiene*

COVID-19 Emergency Child Care Guidance: Emergency Childcare Centres (March 2020)

Definitions

Cleaning: refers to the physical removal of foreign material (i.e. dust, soil) and organic material (i.e., blood, secretions, microorganisms). Cleaning removes, rather than kill microorganisms. Warm water, detergent and mechanical action (i.e., wiping) is required to clean surfaces. Rinsing with clean water is required to complete the cleaning process to ensure the detergent film is removed.

Disinfecting: describes a process completed after cleaning in which a chemical solution (i.e., a 1:9 bleach and water solution), is used to kill most disease- causing microorganisms. In order to be effective disinfectants must be left on a surface for a period of time). Contact times are generally prescribed by the product manufacturer. Any items children may come into contact with, require a final rinse after the required contact time is observed.

All products including cleaning agents and disinfectants must be out of reach of children, labelled.

Cleaning

* Use detergent and warm water to clean visibly soiled surfaces

*Rinse the surface with clean water (warm to tepid temperature preferred)to ensure detergent is removed

* Let the surface dry

Disinfecting

Staff are to use a 1:9 bleach and water solution (prepared daily) as a disinfectant.

- For general environmental disinfection of high touch surfaces large toys and equipment that cannot be immersed in a disinfectant solution, use a wet cloth soaked in a 1:9 bleach and water solution. The contact time for disinfecting is one minute
- For all other toy cleaning and disinfecting first clean toys in a detergent and water solution followed by soaking in a 1:9 bleach and water solution. The contact time for disinfecting is one minute
- The classroom and activities will be disinfected at the end of each session using approved disinfectants, lysol wipes and bleach solutions. Twice a week all surfaces will be disinfected with a misting procedure. This is a non-toxic solution.

Cleaning and Disinfection frequency requirements:

(It is recommended) A cleaning and disinfecting log should be tracked and demonstrate cleaning schedules.

Clean and disinfect upon ENTRY to child care (for staff):

- Any hard surfaces such as water bottles, travel mugs, cell phones, lunch containers

Clean and disinfect upon children's ENTRY to child care:

- Any hard surfaces such as water bottles, containers, toothbrush handles, toothpaste

Clean and disinfect frequencies for other surfaces and items:

- Cleaning and disinfecting routines must be increased as the risk of environmental contamination is higher:

* **Tables and countertops:** used for food preparation and food service must be cleaned and disinfected before and after each use

* **Spills** must be cleaned and disinfected immediately

* **Handwash sinks:** staff and children washroom areas must be cleaned and disinfected at least two times per day and as often as necessary (i.e., when visibly dirty or contaminated with body fluids).

* **Floors:** cleaning and disinfecting must be performed as required (i.e., when spills occur, and throughout the day when rooms are available) e.g., during outdoor play

* **High-touch surfaces:** any surfaces at your location that has frequent contact with hands (e.g., light switches, shelving, containers, hand rails, door knobs, sinks toilets etc.). These surfaces should be cleaned at least twice per day and as often as necessary (i.e., when visibly dirty or contaminated with body fluids)

* **Other shared items:** (e.g., phones, tablets, keyboards, attendance binders etc.) these must be disinfected between users).

Clean and disinfect daily:

- Low-touch surfaces (any surfaces at your location that has minimal contact with hands), must be cleaned and disinfected daily (e.g. Window ledges, doors, sides of furnishings etc.)
- Carpets are to be vacuumed daily when the rooms are available, e.g., during outdoor play

Clean and disinfect as required:

Blood/Bodily Fluid Spills: Using the steps below, the surface must be cleaned first then disinfected:

1. Isolate the area around the spill so that no other objects/humans can be contaminated
2. Gather all supplies, perform hand hygiene, then put on single-use gloves
3. Scoop up the fluid with disposable paper towels (check the surrounding area for splash/splatter) and dispose of in separate garbage bag
4. Clean the spill area with detergent, warm water and single-use towels
5. Rinse to remove detergent residue with clean water and single-use towel
6. Discard used paper towels and gloves immediately in a tied plastic bag

7. Spray 1:9 bleach and water solution in and around the spill area and allow the appropriate **one minute** disinfecting contact time

8. A final rinse is required if children come into contact with the area
9. Remove gloves as directed and discard them immediately
10. Perform hand hygiene as directed

Notes:

- If the spill includes broken glass, ensure a brush and dustpan is used to pick it up and discard. Disinfect the brush and dustpan after use. **NEVER** use your hands to clean up the glass
- If the spill occurs on a carpet, follow the above steps along with professional steam/wet cleaning the carpet.

Cot cleaning and disinfecting:

BMP using cots only for isolation of a child due to illness

- Cots must be cleaned and disinfected before being assigned to a child
- Cots and bedding must be laundered after the use of the cot.
- Cots will be disinfected after being used to an assigned child.