142H.31 CLEANING, SANITIZING, AND DISINFECTING.

Subdivision 1. **Products and procedures.** Cleaning and disinfecting must be done in accordance with policies, procedures, and products approved by the program's health consultant as specified in section 142H.29, subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. **Indoor and outdoor equipment.** (a) The indoor and outdoor space and equipment of the program must be clean.

(b) Natural elements and materials used as equipment and play materials under section 142H.141; natural features used for outdoor play under section 142H.34, subdivision 7, paragraph (h); and play materials used in outdoor settings are exempt from being clean, as defined under section 142H.01, subdivision 12. A program staff person must inspect natural elements and materials, natural features, and play materials used for outdoor play for hazardous objects and other safety hazards, including animal feces, and remove or mitigate the hazard before a child's use.

Subd. 3. **Pacifiers.** Pacifiers must be labeled with each child's name or other individual identifier and stored separately.

Subd. 4. **Cleaning frequency.** The license holder must develop and follow a cleaning schedule that requires:

(1) cleaning and sanitizing food preparation areas, tables, high chairs, and food service counters before and after each meal and snack. Sanitizing must be done by using an Environmental Protection Agency-registered sanitizer or a bleach solution or by heating to temperatures sufficient to destroy most germs, pursuant to guidelines from the commissioner of health on infectious diseases in child care settings;

(2) cleaning and sanitizing items that have been inside a child's mouth or come into contact with bodily fluids prior to being used by another child;

(3) cleaning sleeping equipment and bedding, including:

(i) washing bedding used by a child before being used by another child;

(ii) washing bedding used by the same child weekly or when soiled;

(iii) cleaning and disinfecting sleeping equipment used by a child before being used by another child; and

(iv) cleaning and disinfecting sleeping equipment used by the same child weekly or when soiled;

(4) cleaning toileting areas daily, including:

(i) emptying and disinfecting toilet training chairs after each use; and

(ii) disinfecting toilets and seats when soiled or at least daily; and

(5) emptying garbage cans and diaper receptacles on a daily basis and cleaning and disinfecting the cans and receptacles as needed.

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