## INTENSIFY CLEANING AND DISINFECTING EFFORTS

### clean and disinfect

doorknobs, light switches, classroom sink handles, countertops, toilet training potties, etc

surfaces, bathrooms, and objects that are frequently touched, such as

Every hour,

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and bedding. All cleaning materials must be kept secure and out of reach of children.

Schedule and follow additional procedures for cleaning and disinfecting including cleaning and sanitizing toys

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moved from one group to another.

* Clean and sanitize toys.

Do not share toys with other groups of infants or toddlers, unless they are washed and sanitized before being

» Reduce the number of toys in classrooms.

» Toys that children have placed in their mouths or that are otherwise contaminated by body secretions or excretions should be set aside until they are cleaned by hand by a person wearing gloves.

» Children’s books, like other paper-based materials, are not considered a high risk for transmission and do not need additional cleaning or disinfection procedures.

* Clean and disinfect bedding.

» Keep each child’s bedding separate, and consider storing in individually labeled bins, cubbies or bags.

» Cots and mats should be labeled for each child.

» Bedding that touches a child’s skin should be cleaned at a minimum of weekly or before use by another child.

* Plan to sanitize transportation. Consider guidance from the Center for Disease Control on [**Cleaning and Disinfecting Vehicles**](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/disinfecting-transport-vehicles.html) to ensure that shared equipment like vehicles are regularly sanitized.

## ENSURE PROPER WASHING, FEEDING AND HOLDING OF CHILDREN

* It is important to comfort crying, sad, and/or anxious children and they often need to be held. To the extent possible, when washing, feeding, or holding children, teachers can protect themselves by wearing an oversized button down, long sleeved shirt and by wearing long hair up off the collar.
* Teachers should wash their hands, neck and anywhere touched by a child’s secretions.
* Teachers 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.
* Infants, toddlers and their teachers should have multiple changes of clothes on hand in the child care center.
* If a center decides to allow children to wear face masks, no child under two years of age can wear a face mask