



Child Care Hot Topics

Topic 2: Sanitizing and Cleaning During Coronavirus

Hello Child Care Providers,

As you know, the Coronavirus has depleted most supplies of bleach and other cleaning products. We wanted to give you a list of other options that can be used to clean and disinfect surfaces that are touched most often as well review disinfecting the diapering area. It is recommended you wear rubber gloves when cleaning and disinfecting surfaces.

We are grateful for you and are here to support you. Please reach out to your licensor with any questions, and keep up to date on all things child care in Minnesota by visiting: <https://mn.gov/childcare/>.

-- Child Care Licensing Team

Disinfecting Against COVID-19

Below is a list of approved cleaning and disinfecting products that are recommended for killing the COVID-19 virus, if bleach is not available. Remember to follow the manufacturer's directions on how to use the products.

- Melaleuca -Sol-U-Guard Botanical 2x concentrate (EPA# 66251-2): needs 10 minutes contact time on the surface.
- Professional Lysol Disinfecting Spray Brand III: follow instructions on can.
- [Lysol Disinfecting Wipes](#): Needs 10 minutes contact time on the surface.
- [CleanSmart Nursery and High Chair Cleaner \(EPA # 89896-2\)](#): Needs 10 minutes contact time on the surface.
- Microban Firebird F130 (EPA# 41182-9): Needs 5 minutes of contact time.

Important Surfaces to Keep Clean

- Knobs – front door, back door, patio, bedroom, bathroom, washer/dryer, lamps
- Handles – cupboards, drawers, refrigerator, microwave, stove, toilet, sinks
- Keyboards – phones, computers, remotes, microwave panel, garage door openers
- Cords – cell phone, computer, Kitchen appliances
- Counters, tables, play tables, chairs – all over, handrails
- Toys

Guidance for Diapering Surfaces

- [Minnesota Rule 9502.0435 Sanitation and Health, Subp 13 - Diapers](#): The diaper area must be covered with a smooth, nonabsorbent surface, If the surface is wet or soiled, it must be washed with soap and water to remove debris and the diapering surface must be disinfected with a solution of at least two teaspoons of chlorine bleach to one quart of water each diaper change.
- [Minnesota Statute 245A.148 Family Child Care Diapering Area Disinfection](#): Allows providers to use a bleach alternative as long as it meets certain criteria.
- Scott County Public Health has approved the following products in the DIAPERING area as an alternative to bleach:
 - ✓ The first four items mentioned in the disinfecting section above are approved as well as the following
 - ✓ Shaklee – Basic G
 - ✓ OdoBan – Original Eucalyptus Scent – Odor Eliminator (EPA# 66243-2)
 - ✓ 7th Generation – Disinfecting Multi Surface Cleaner (in a spray bottle) – (EPA# 84683-3-86066)
 - ✓ 7th Generation Bathroom Cleaner Spray (EPA# 84683-3-86066-same as above)
 - ✓ [7th Generation Disinfecting Wipes \(EPA # 84683-4-86066\)](#): The surface should be visibly wet for 10 minutes in order to be effective.