

CLEANING, SANITIZING & DISINFECTING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT RATING SCALES

<h2>CLEAN</h2> <p>To physically remove all dirt and contamination.</p>	<h2>SANITIZE</h2> <p>To reduce germs on inanimate surfaces to levels considered safe by public health codes or regulations.</p>	<h2>DISINFECT</h2> <p>To destroy or inactivate most germs on an inanimate object</p>
<p>Soap and water</p> <p>Wipe with a paper towel</p>	<p>Sanitize with bleach solution (3/4 tsp bleach per quart of water)</p> <p>Allow to air dry or to remain on surface for at least 2 minutes, then wipe with a paper towel</p>	<p>Disinfect with bleach solution</p> <p>¼ c per gallon of cold water (1 tbsp per quart of water)</p> <p>Allow to air dry or to remain on surface for at least 2 minutes, then wipe with a paper towel</p>
<p>All surfaces</p>	<p>Food area surfaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food preparation • Tables • Highchairs and trays <p>Child Care areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toys, pacifiers, etc. • Shelves, counters, etc. 	<p>Door & cabinet handles</p> <p>Toileting/Diapering areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing tables • Potty chairs • Handwashing sinks & faucets • Countertops • Toilets • Diaper pails • Floors

All surfaces should be cleaned first AND then sanitized or disinfected.
Sanitizing and disinfecting products should not be used in close proximity to children.

Please refer to [Caring for Our Children](#) for more information.