

WAC 110-301-0200 Handwashing and hand sanitizer. (1) A school-age provider must comply with the following handwashing procedures or those defined by the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and children should strongly be encouraged to:

- (a) Wet hands with warm water;
- (b) Apply soap to the hands;
- (c) Rub hands together to wash for at least twenty seconds;
- (d) Thoroughly rinse hands with water;
- (e) Dry hands with a paper towel, single-use cloth towel, or air hand dryer;
- (f) Turn water faucet off using a paper towel or single-use cloth towel unless it turns off automatically; and
- (g) Properly discard paper single-use towels after each use.

(2) A school-age provider must wash and sanitize cloth towels after a single use. Soiled and used towels must be inaccessible to children.

(3) For any program that does not operate on public or private school premises, air hand dryers must have a heat guard (barrier that prevents user from touching heating element) and turn off automatically.

(4) A school-age provider must wash their hands following the handwashing procedures listed above:

- (a) When arriving at work;
- (b) After assisting with toileting;
- (c) After personal toileting;
- (d) After attending to an ill child;
- (e) Before and after preparing, serving, or eating food;
- (f) After handling raw or undercooked meat, poultry, or fish;
- (g) Before and after giving medication or applying topical ointment;
- (h) After handling or feeding animals, handling an animal's toys or equipment, or cleaning up after animals;
- (i) After handling bodily fluids;
- (j) After using tobacco or vapor products;
- (k) After being outdoors;
- (l) After gardening activities;
- (m) After handling garbage and garbage receptacles; and
- (n) As needed or required by the circumstances.

(5) A school-age provider must direct, assist, teach, and coach children to wash their hands, using the steps listed above:

- (a) When arriving at the school-age premises;
- (b) After using the toilet;
- (c) After outdoor play;
- (d) After gardening activities;
- (e) After playing with animals;
- (f) After touching bodily fluids such as blood or after nose blowing or sneezing;
- (g) Before and after eating or participating in food activities including table setting; and
- (h) As needed or required by the circumstances.

(6) Hand sanitizers or hand wipes with alcohol may be used for adults and children under the following conditions:

- (a) When proper handwashing facilities are not available; and
- (b) Hands are not visibly soiled or dirty.

(7) Children must be actively supervised when using hand sanitizers to avoid ingestion or contact with eyes, nose, or mouths.

- (a) Hand sanitizer must not be used in place of proper handwashing.
- (b) An alcohol-based hand sanitizer must contain sixty to ninety percent alcohol to be effective.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.216.055 and 43.216.065. WSR 21-10-035, § 110-301-0200, filed 4/27/21, effective 6/1/21.]