

WAC 110-301-0241 Cleaning schedules. (1) A school-age provider must develop and follow a cleaning schedule that includes:

(a) Food preparation areas, tables and chairs, and food service counters, which must be cleaned and sanitized before and after each meal and snack with single use paper towels or one-time use wiping cloths;

(b) Eating utensils, drinking equipment, and dishes, which must be cleaned and sanitized after each use;

(c) Furniture and equipment, which must be cleaned monthly or more often as needed;

(d) Toys, which must be cleaned and sanitized as follows:

(i) Weekly or more often as needed; and

(ii) When a toy comes into contact with a child's mouth or bodily fluids it must be removed from use until it can be cleaned and sanitized prior to reuse;

(e) For any program that does not operate on public or private school premises, appliances used to prepare food, which must be cleaned after each use and sanitized daily or more often as needed;

(f) For any program that does not operate on public or private school premises, refrigerators, which must be cleaned and sanitized monthly or more often as needed; and

(g) For any program that does not operate on public or private school premises, freezers, which must be cleaned and sanitized quarterly or more often as needed.

(2) Machine washable clothes provided by the school-age program must be laundered as needed.

(3) Sinks that are not used for handwashing after toileting or food preparation must be cleaned and sanitized daily or more often as needed.

(4) Toileting areas including, but not limited to, toilets, counters, sinks, and floors must be cleaned and disinfected daily or more often as needed.

(5) Garbage cans and receptacles must be emptied on a daily basis and cleaned and disinfected as needed.

(6) Floors must be cleaned by either sweeping or vacuuming at least once per day or more often as needed. Moisture resistant flooring must be cleaned and sanitized at least once per day or more often as needed. Bathroom flooring must be cleaned, pursuant to WAC 110-301-0220.

(7) For any school-age program that does not operate on public or private school premises, large area rugs or installed carpet must be cleaned at least once every six months, or when visible dirt or stains are present, using a carpet shampoo machine, steam cleaner, or other method that minimizes the exposure of children in care to pathogens and allergens.

A school-age provider must not use dry shampoos or dry chemical sanitizers or disinfectants, unless approved by the department.

(8) Small area rugs must be shaken outdoors or vacuumed daily, and laundered as needed.

(9) Carpets or area rugs soiled with bodily fluids must be cleaned and disinfected with high heat or an EPA registered product. A school-age provider must limit exposure to blood and bodily fluids during cleanup.

(10) Children must not:

(a) Be present when carpets are cleaned or vacuumed unless the provider is spot vacuuming, the vacuum has a HEPA filter, and children are not within the immediate area; or

(b) Use or play on or near carpet areas until dry.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.216.055 and 43.216.065. WSR 21-10-035, § 110-301-0241, filed 4/27/21, effective 6/1/21.]