



BEST PRACTICE GUIDE

Hand Hygiene, Cleaning, Waste Management and Safety in Childcare Facilities

In terms of high-traffic areas, the common room and corridors are some of the most active. Within childcare facilities, post-pandemic fallout will be reflected in a continual need to maximise space and maintain high levels of cleanliness and hygiene.



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Tips



- **HAND HYGIENE**

Frequent effective handwashing and the use of hand sanitisers help prevent the spread of germs and infections.



- **CLEANING**

Regularly cleaning surfaces keeps them free of microbes and prevents the spread of germs.



- **WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Isolating contaminated waste limits the cross- contamination potential.



- **SAFETY**

Keeping a safe distance from one another keeps staff and students safe.

BEST PRACTICE

IMPLEMENTING EFFECTIVE PROCEDURES IN ANY CHILDCARE FACILITY

Institutions such as the Centre for Disease Control (CDC) and The World Health Organisation (WHO) provide guidelines to help facilities equip and prepare for a return to full operations. They cover four key areas:



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HAND HYGIENE

Educational facilities, by their nature, require interaction between people, but must prevent infection spreading between them. Facilities should:

- Perform staff and children's bathroom audits, updating signage and guidance accordingly.¹
- Plan assemblies or Q&A sessions to address concerns.²
- Prepare and maintain hand washing stations with soap and water where available.²
- Offer hand rub as an alternative to soap and water.²



CLEANING

Updated cleaning practices will be required to address on-going viral threats. Childcare facilities will need to consider:

- Perform walkthroughs of common rooms to assess risk prior to reopening.²
- Ensure common room materials and equipment are cleaned after use²
- Include cleaning practices within lessons to support education around COVID-19.²
- Create enhanced cleaning policies for contamination touchpoints.³



WASTE MANAGEMENT

Waste must be collected more frequently, but not allowed to become a source of infection. To mitigate risk, childcare facilities must:

- Remove all open topped waste containers throughout the facility.²
- Deploy closed-lid bins that isolate potentially infectious waste.²
- Bins must be cleaned when emptied to remove any lingering viral threats.²
- Treat all waste collected in the facility as if it is infectious.²



SAFETY

Maintaining social distance is vital. Anyone could be carrying COVID-19 without symptoms, so educational facilities must ensure personal distancing occurs by:

- Staggering the start and end of the day.²
- Deploying barriers in high-traffic areas to keep the flow of staff and children to a minimum.²
- Rearranging seating and toys in common room and halls to ensure 2m of personal space is enforced.

Tips



Clear communication of your procedures for hand hygiene, cleaning, safety and waste management to staff and children drives adoption and supports lasting behaviour change, and as a result, **keeps everyone safe.**

1 <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/campaign.html>

2 https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronavirus/key-messages-and-actions-for-covid-19-prevention-and-control-in-schools-march-2020.pdf?sfvrsn=ba81d52_4

3 <https://www.issa.com/cleaning-and-disinfecting-for-the-coronavirus-sars-cov-2>

OUR SOLUTION

DELIVERING BEST PRACTICE WITH THE RIGHT PRODUCT SOLUTIONS

The Rubbermaid Commercial Products Range contains a variety of products that can help implement increased standards of hygiene.



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HAND HYGIENE

Our range includes wall-mounted dispensers and free-standing hand hygiene stations deployable throughout a facility. Cross-contamination risks are reduced in manually operated units by integrated antimicrobial touchpoints. With touch-free dispensers, user contact is eliminated completely. Hand hygiene units are complemented by high-capacity sealed refills containing soap or hand rubs that make them a flexible hand hygiene solution for users.



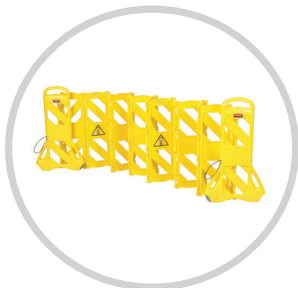
CLEANING

HYGEN™ cloths and mop pads are ideal for surface cleaning, even where there are restrictions on cleaning products. Their microfiber composition physically removes 99.9% of microbes whether they are used with a disinfectant or with a neutral solution. A range of colours minimises cross-contamination risks during a cleaning cycle. Disposable cloths and mops are also available to minimise the risk of cross contamination.



WASTE MANAGEMENT

Our range of waste management products deliver safety by isolating contaminated waste within a closed-lid system. Isolating disposed materials from the open-air means germs are prevented from spreading. Germ transmission is reduced further through foot pedal operation, rather than hand operation. Each unit's smooth surfaces and sturdy structural design make them easy to clean between uses, removing lingering viral threats.



SAFETY

Our safety barriers are durably designed to withstand constant use in high-traffic areas and are lightweight, making them easy to deploy and stow away. Once in place, these units are adept at enforcing personal distance requirements at counters, windows and other points of interaction. Their presence within a space can also help to manage movement in open spaces and highlight impromptu one-way systems.



WASTE
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CLEANING



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