

	Procedure
	Procedure Category: Premises and Facilities
	Date Created: 4 April 2023
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	Procedure Name: WASHING SICK/SOILED CHILDREN

The purpose of this operational procedure is to ensure that hygiene and infection control outcomes are met in alignment with Licencing Criteria **HS30, PF26**.

Position Statement

We will ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to prevent the spread of infection among children and staff at the Centre. Our Centre provides a procedure for washing sick or soiled children which promotes high standards of hygiene, health and safety. Children’s comfort and well-being is a priority in our Centre practices.

Issue Outline

Following this procedure will reduce the risk of the adult washing the child being infected and ensure there is no cross contamination or spread of infection to other adults or children. Following this procedure will promote consistency of practice between staff.

Alignment with Policies

This procedure aligns with the following Centre Policy:

- Nappy Changing Policy
- Nappy Changing Facilities Policy
- Toileting Policy
- Laundry Procedure
- Infectious Disease/Illness Policy
- Teacher/Staff Safety Checking Policy
- Child Protection Policy

Procedure Detail

Step	Procedure
1.	Adult to use gloves and any protective clothing provided by the Centre to remove soiled clothing, seal in double plastic bags or into bucket with lid specifically for that purpose
2.	Adult to wash the child using the facilities provided and using a disposable cloth or a cloth specific for the task
3.	Adult to put on clean gloves, child to be dried and dressed in their own spare clothing
4.	Adult to use bathroom specific spray made up to a 0.1% solution of bleach and water or disinfectant that has .5% sodium hypochlorite in it to clean the area.

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5.	Use disposable cleaning equipment if possible, e.g. cloths and mop heads. If using a towel or cloth, soak in 0.1% bleach solution or antibacterial soak after use for at least 30 minutes. Use separate cloths for high risk areas specific for the task e.g. toilet and bathroom.
6.	Pay closest attention to areas of likely contamination and hand contact surfaces, equipment, tables, for example toilets, bathroom floors and walls (especially the area surrounding the toilet after vomiting and diarrhoea), doorknobs, sinks, taps, benches, handrails and light switches.
7.	Towel/cloths used to be placed in washing machine separate from any other items on a hot wash
8.	Wash hands thoroughly using warm water and soap, dry using paper towels, follow up with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if available
9.	Our Centre uses a specific bucket labelled (soaking, floor washing, bathroom floor), to soak soiled/sick items or disinfect bathroom and/or other area floor and then it must be hygienically cleaned after use in a task specific area to avoid cross contamination following the same steps as above.

Relevant Background (including Legislation/Regulation/Licensing references)

Licensing Criteria 2008, Premises and Facilities

- **PF26:** There are suitable facilities provided for washing sick or soiled children and a procedure outlining how hygiene and infection control outcomes will be met when washing sick and soiled children.
- **HS30:** Children are washed when they are soiled or pose a health risk to themselves or others.
- **District Health Board Guidelines** www.cph.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/med0058.pdf

Implementation

Clear processes and procedures have been developed and staff trained to follow them.

Review

Review annually or when there is a significant change in the area of the policy topic or the procedure.

Authorised:	
Date:	15 May 2024
Review Date:	April 2025
Consultation Undertaken:	Emailed Board, Teachers via staff room notice board and parents via foyer notice board and storypark.