

Appendix B to Rule 5101:2-12-13

Handwashing

Handwashing shall occur in a sink that is not used for meal preparation or clean-up and is away from the food serving area.

Licensed child care staff members and employees shall immediately wash hands with liquid soap and running water for at least 15 seconds:

- Upon arrival for the day, after breaks, when moving from one child care group to another, and upon returning from outside.
- After toileting or assisting a child with toileting.
- After each diaper change or pull-up change.
- After contact with bodily fluids or cleaning up spills or objects contaminated with bodily fluids.
- After taking off disposable gloves.
- After cleaning or sanitizing or using any chemical products.
- After handling pets, pet cages or other pet objects that have come in contact with the pet.
- Before eating, serving or preparing food or bottles or feeding a child.
- Before and after completing a medical procedure or administering medication.

Each child shall immediately wash hands with liquid soap and running water for at least 15 seconds and be assisted as needed:

- Upon arrival for the day.
- When visibly soiled.
- After toileting/diaper change.
- After contact with bodily fluids.
- After returning inside after outdoor play.
- After handling pets, pet cages or other pet objects that have come in contact with the pet before moving on to another activity.
- Before eating or assisting with food preparation.
- After water activities.

Children who are unable to stand by themselves may be given wet paper towels and soap to wash and rinse their hands.

Note: Hand sanitizer is permitted to be used by adults in the center after wiping children's noses when a staff member is outside or alone in a room, or is needed in the staff/child ratio and running water is not readily available. Staff must thoroughly wash hands with soap and running water as soon as staff/child ratio allows or upon re-entry to the building. The use of hand sanitizer does not replace the requirement of washing hands with running water and liquid soap.