

## TABLE WASHING PROCEDURE

1. To remove gross soil, spray the table (or highchair tray) with a soap-water solution and wipe dry with a disposable paper towel.
2. To sanitize the eating surface, spray the table/tray with a bleach/water solution and wait for at least 2 minutes before wiping with a disposable paper towel or allowing to air dry. The surface cannot be sprayed and immediately wiped. You may use another approved solutions but know that "quat" or quatramonium and products other than bleach must remain on the surface for at least 10 minutes and must be stored in a locked cabinet.

### ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS:

- Sponges should not be used because they are generally contaminated with bacteria and are difficult to clean.
- If wet clothes are used, a separate cloth is required for each table/tray, and cloths cannot be returned to soak in a bleach/water solution. They must be washed separately between uses for cleaning.
- Food should not be put directly on the table or highchair tray because eating surfaces are more likely to be contaminated than disposable plates or washed and sanitized dishes.
- If highchair trays are used as eating surfaces, the trays should be washed and sanitized in the same way as plates and other food service utensils.
- In case different children rotate through each place must be cleaned and sanitized between uses by different children. Sanitizing solution should not be sprayed while children are seated at the table.
- If you are using a sanitizer/disinfectant other than a bleach/water solution you must use an EPA registered/approved product, keep the product in a container that includes manufacturer's instructions for use, and follow exactly the manufacturer's instructions. Please see attached CFOC National Standard entitled "Selecting an Appropriate Sanitizer or Disinfectant."

### \*\*USE AN EPA REGISTERED BLEACH SOLUTION

Purpose	Recipe
Sanitizer: For food contact surface sanitizing (dishes, utensils, cutting boards, high chair trays), toys that children may place in their mouths, and pacifiers.	NOTE: Bleach strengths are now being produced at higher concentration levels, up to 9% sodium hypochlorite. Previous mixing instructions were for 5.25% - 6% sodium hypochlorite. It is important that you follow label instructions for the right mix of bleach to water.
Disinfectant  For use on non-porous surfaces such as diaper change tables, counter tops, door and cabinet handles, toilets.	For all disinfectant products: Apply as a spray or poured fresh solution, not by dipping into a container with a cloth that has been in contact with a contaminated surface.  For bleach (sodium hypochlorite) solutions, let stand for 2 minutes or air dry. For other disinfectants, carefully follow label instructions for sanitizing, disinfecting and storage.

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