

TITLE: CLEANING TOYS AND EQUIPMENT

POLICY: Recognizing that toys are frequently placed in children's mouths during lab classes and equipment needs to be cleaned after use, consistent measures shall be taken to insure cleanliness and infection control.

PROCEDURE:

- I. All toys and equipment that have been used during lab classes will be placed in a container labeled for "dirty toys and equipment".
- II. Once cleaned, they will be placed back into the appropriate cabinet.
- III. To wash and disinfect hard plastic toys and equipment:
 - A. Scrub toy or equipment in warm, soapy water. Use a brush to reach into crevices.
 - B. Rinse toy or equipment with clean water.
 - C. If submergible immerse toy or equipment in mild bleach solution (1 tablespoon of bleach to 1 gallon of water).
 - D. Remove toy or equipment from bleach solution and allow to air dry.
 - E. Bleach solution will be remade on a daily basis when needed.
- IV. As an alternative, hard plastic toys can be washed in the dishwasher.
- V. Cloth toys will not be used unless they can be placed in the hot water cycle of the washing machine.
- VI. Toys and equipment that have components that cannot be immersed will be cleaned with soap and water, and then sprayed with bleach solution (as above) and wiped dry.

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