

# Nursery Decontamination Protocol – page 1 of 2

**Unless otherwise stated on the checklist,**

**ALL OF THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED:**

- 1) 409 spray and wipe down. Be sure to get into all cracks and crevices and to remove any and all organic matter. 409 is only used when organic matter is present.
- 2) Diluted bleach soak for 10 minutes then wipe clean. This must be completed three times for each item so that there is a total of three 10-minute soaks. Multitasking is your friend! Spray multiple items at once so you are not waiting for soaks to finish.

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**Check each item after 409 cleaning  and then after each bleach soak  :**

- Cages: clean walls, top, bottom and cage door/handles
- Feeding bins: lids, sides, outside, and bottom
- Feeding tables: tops, underneath, legs
- Chairs: seat, back, legs, bottom--be sure to get everywhere!
- File holders: wash in sink; spray with diluted bleach, dry upside down on towels to prevent rust
- Snuggle discs: can use same method as file holders
- Heating pads, use care with cords
- Baby wipe warmer, use care with cord
- Scales: bowls can be bleach soaked and washed in dishwasher; use care not to get too much liquid on them (the electronic part)
- Counter tops, cabinet fronts, drawer fronts
- Sink: sides, edges, basin, faucet
- Soap dispensers: every exterior surface and towel hook next to dispenser

## Nursery Decontamination Protocol – page 2 of 2

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**ALL OF THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED:**

- 1) 409 spray and wipe down. Be sure to get into all cracks and crevices and to thoroughly remove all matter. 409 is only used when organic matter is present.
  - 2) Diluted bleach soak for 10 minutes then wipe clean. This must be completed three times for each item so that there is a total of three 10-minute soaks. Multitasking is your friend! Spray multiple items at once so you are not waiting for soaks to finish.
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Check each item after 409 cleaning  and then after each bleach soak  :

- Used dishes: soak in diluted bleach then wash in dishwasher
- Laundry: used laundry must be removed and washed. In some circumstances unused laundry will need to be washed; check with nursery manager. Decon the laundry hamper with 409 and bleach.
- Microwave: clean every surface inside and out including plate and handle. Decontaminate counter underneath the microwave.
- Refrigerator: inside shelves and all outer surfaces— handles, front and sides; clean floor under and behind refrigerator.
- Blender, use care with buttons/cord.
- Nebulizers: soak tubing and mouthpieces in diluted bleach for 10 minutes, rinse thoroughly. Spray paper towel with diluted bleach.
- Pet carriers: be sure to get door and every surface inside and outside
- Pens, dry erase markers, Sharpies (No 409 cleaning needed)
- Windowsills
- Sweep and mop
- Remove trash