Policy Title:	10.7.1 Cleaning and Sanitizing Policy			
Procedure:	Attached			
References:	WAC 170-151-250; 170-295-5040; 170-296-1000; 170-296-1040; 170-296-1050; 170-296-1070; 170-296-1090; 170-296-1170; 170-269-1190; 170-296-1200			
Applies To:	Licensing Staff	**Contact:**	Provider Partnership Division	
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The Department of Early Learning (DEL) is responsible for licensing activities to ensure that standards of health and safety are present in child care facilities in accordance with Washington State law and administrative code (regulations). The term "child care facility" is used to indicate licensed family child care homes, child care centers and school-age programs.

Purpose

Clarify the licensing standards for maintaining a clean and sanitized environment in child care facilities. Expectations of DEL personnel are clarified in this policy and the attached Cleaning and Sanitizing Procedure.

Policy

I. DEL licensing personnel will ensure that licensee's or providers maintain child care facilities in a clean and sanitary manner that protects all children from illness and helps to prevent the spread of germs.

II. DEL licensing personnel will ensure that the licensee clean and sanitize licensed areas of the child care facilities according to the appropriate WAC.

III. Sanitizing or disinfecting solutions must be either bleach (household bleach, not industrial bleach) and water or an industrial product that meets the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) standard for hospital grade or for hospital use. All EPA registered sanitizing or disinfecting solutions will state that the product is registered with the EPA on the manufacturer's label.

   a. If using an industrial product, licensees must follow the manufacturer's instructions including concentration, contact time and rinsing.
   b. If an industrial product is to be used on food contact surfaces and items that may be put in children's mouths, the label must state that the product is safe for food contact surfaces.

IV. All sanitizing or disinfecting solutions will be labeled according to the accompanying procedure. If commercial industrial products are used, labels must not be removed for any reason.

V. When repeated, numerous or serious non-compliance with this policy is reported, observed or documented, DEL staff will follow up with the appropriate licensing action, including civil penalties, summary suspension, probation, license modification or revocation.

VI. In addition to adherence with the components of the Cleaning and Sanitizing Policy, personnel are expected to respectfully communicate with the child care facility staff, providing accurate information about the appropriate WAC.

Attachments
Cleaning and Sanitizing Procedure