

# POLICY

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See also: PRO 10.1.24; RCW 43.216; 110-300; 110-301

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## **POL 10.1.24 APPROVING SANITIZERS OR DISINFECTANTS**

This policy applies to DCYF approving sanitizers or disinfectants.

### **1. DCYF Must Approve Sanitizers\* Or Disinfectants\*\*, Other Than Bleach, Prior To Use**

If an early learning or school-age provider wants to use a product other than bleach, including wipes, to sanitize or disinfect, DCYF must approve the product prior to it being used.

### **2. Sanitizer or Disinfectant Approval Must Be Requested By Early Learning or School-Age Provider**

### **3. Approved Products Must Meet Specific Requirements**

The product must:

- Be registered with the EPA
- Have a safety data sheet
- Have manufacturer's label including directions for use
- Be labeled as safe to use on food surfaces if product will be used to sanitize
- Be fragrance-free
- Not be aerosol spray

### **4. Sanitizer or Disinfectant Approved/Disapproved On Case-by-Case Basis**

The following information will be considered during approval/disapproval process:

- Details of the cleaning product and how/where/when it will be used
- Licensing history
- Staff training

### **5. Sanitizer or Disinfectant Approval Can Be Rescinded By DCYF At Any Time**

**\*Sanitize** means to reduce the number of microorganisms on a surface by the process of:

(a) Cleaning and rinsing with water at a high temperature pursuant to this chapter; or

(b) Cleaning and rinsing, followed by using:

(i) A chlorine bleach and water solution following the manufacturer's instructions; or

(ii) Other sanitizer product if it is registered with the EPA and used strictly according to manufacturer's label instructions including, but not limited to, quantity used, time the product must be left in place, adequate time to allow the product to dry and appropriateness for use on the surface to be sanitized. If used on food contact surfaces or toys, a sanitizer product must be labeled as "safe for food contact surfaces."

**\*\*Disinfect** means to eliminate virtually all germs from an inanimate surface by the process of cleaning and rinsing, followed by:

(a) A chlorine bleach and water solution following the manufacturer's instructions; or

(b) Other disinfectant products registered with the EPA, if used strictly according to manufacturer's label instructions including, but not limited to, quantity, time the product must be left in place, adequate time to allow the product to dry or rinsing if applicable, and appropriateness for use on the surface to be disinfected. Any disinfectant used on food contact surfaces or toys must be labeled as "safe for food contact surfaces."