

Cleaning Protocol Addendum In-Person Supports and Services for Students with High Needs

Cleaning and disinfecting are part of a broad approach to preventing infectious diseases in schools. Cleaning with soap and water removes germs, dirt, and impurities from surfaces. It lowers the risk of spreading infection. Disinfecting kills germs on surfaces. By killing germs on a surface after cleaning, it can further lower the risk of spreading infection. Sanitizing lowers the number of germs on surfaces or objects to a safe level, as judged by public health standards or requirements. This works by either cleaning or disinfecting surfaces or objects to lower the risk of spreading infections. Other measures include covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands, and keeping sick people away from others, etc. . .

- Routine cleaning is the everyday cleaning practice that LCS will normally use to maintain a healthy environment. The custodial staff will be cleaning the school on a daily basis, under the direction of the Director of Maintenance.
- Provide students their own designated materials, cubbies, etc. . . as feasible to reduce the need to share materials.
- In-Person Supports to use cleaning and disinfecting practices as needed on surfaces frequently touched by multiple people. For example, when materials or surfaces **must** be shared, they should be sanitized (e.g., alcohol wipes with at least 70% alcohol) prior to initial use, between users and prior to storing at the end of the day by In-Person Supports.
- Reusable paper materials to be laminated as appropriate so they can be cleaned.
- For shared items such as a communication device, staff will wear disposable gloves while activating the device. The number of staff using the device with the student will be limited and the device should be sanitized frequently.
- Disinfectants should only be used on materials that students are not likely to put in their mouths.
- Clear masks and /or face shields to be provided as needed for staff who work with students who are deaf and/or hard of hearing.
- Mealtime supports: When assisting students feeding or implementing oral motor programs or mealtime supports, staff to wear PPE as indicated (see Table 1 on Addendum 3 of the Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together). All materials to be sanitized following OSHA guidelines.
- Toileting: Follow OSHA guidelines related to bodily fluids, handwashing and hygiene, and proper use of PPE. Staff will wear PPE as indicated while assisting in these activities (see Table 1 on Addendum 3 of the Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together).

See Addendum 3 of the Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together to supplement the information above.