

FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS

# CLEANING & DISINFECTING

## GENERAL DIRECTIONS FOR CLEANING & DISINFECTING

- Soak contaminated surfaces as directed.
- Disinfect bathrooms, diaper areas and food preparation surfaces daily.
- Disinfect toys, tabletops and high chairs more frequently than usual (at least twice daily).
- Dishwasher-safe toys can be disinfected in a commercial dishwasher that has a dry cycle or a final rinse that exceeds 113°F for 20 minutes or 122°F for 5 minutes or 162°F for 1 minute.
- Cloth toys may be washed and heat-dried for 30 minutes on the highest dryer heat setting.



## CLEANING & DISINFECTING FOR CRYPTOSPORIDIUM (CRYPTO)

Crypto is resistant to chlorine disinfection so it is tougher to kill than most germs. The usual disinfectants, including most commonly used bleach solutions, have little effect on Crypto.

Instead of a bleach solution, **use a 3% concentration of hydrogen peroxide** to soak contaminated surfaces for 20 minutes (99% inactivation).

**Crypto is not killed by alcohol gels and hand sanitizers** so they are of little use in controlling an outbreak.

### DIRECTIONS FOR CLEANING:

1. Remove as much organic material as possible.
2. Clean with soap and water; let dry.

### DIRECTIONS FOR DISINFECTING:

1. Soak contaminated surfaces with hydrogen peroxide for 20 minutes.
2. Rinse off surface and allow it to dry.