

Cleaning Schedule for Storytime and Floor Toys

In accordance with standard best practices used by daycares and preschools, the Lincolnwood Public Library uses the following cleaning schedule for its storytime and floor toys. Caregivers should be aware that because of the library's nature as a high-traffic public space, not all bacteria and viruses can be reliably eliminated. For more information on keeping you and your family healthy, and for tips on how to teach your child(ren) healthy habits, visit the American Academy of Pediatrics' Healthy Children website at healthychildren.org.

Hand sanitizer is provided at all library service desks, and both the storytime room and library bathrooms are equipped with anti-bacterial hand soap and water. Families are encouraged to wash hands after playing and/or before eating or touching the mouth and face.

I. Storytimes

- Baby Lapsit storytime toys and supplies are disinfected **after each use** depending on the material of each using: Seventh Generation (chemical-free, kills 99.9% of germs with baby-safe botanical ingredients) wipes, sink wash with anti-bacterial soap, machine wash/heat dry, or vinegar/water spray.
- Toys and supplies provided in other storytimes are disinfected **once monthly** depending on the material of each using: Seventh Generation wipes, sink wash with anti-bacterial soap, machine wash/heat dry, or vinegar/water spray.
- During storytime, caregivers are asked to place any toy that has been "mouthed" into the sink to ensure thorough cleaning.

II. Floor Toys

- Stuffed and fabric toys are machine washed and dried **once monthly**.
- All toys are disinfected **once monthly** depending on the material of each using: Seventh Generation wipes, sink wash with anti-bacterial soap, machine wash/heat dry, or vinegar/water spray.
- All furniture and large toys are disinfected and wiped down **once weekly**.
- Patrons and caregivers are asked to place any toy that has been "mouthed" aside for staff to thoroughly clean **daily**.

III. Early Literacy Area

- The library's cleaning service cleans nightly according to their regular schedule. This includes daily disinfecting and cleaning of high-traffic areas and high touch points as well as vacuuming.
- The Toddler collection (board books) are occasionally cleaned by teen volunteers using Seventh Generation wipes.