

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING AND SANITISING POLICY

Policy Brief and Purpose

The National Disinfection Plan sets out an implementation and rollout plan for cleaning and disinfection of public places in line with the National Public Hygiene Strategy (NPHS). The Strategy outlines community based hygiene measures that must be implemented to promote public hygiene as a key measure to delay, reduce and curb the spread of COVID-19.

The science of COVID-19 virus indicates that when someone who has COVID-19 coughs or exhales, they release droplets of infected fluid. Most of these droplets fall on nearby surfaces and objects and can therefore contaminate the environment and infect others through touching and breathing in droplets in that environment if precautions are not taken. Evidence indicates that the COVID-19 virus can survive for hours and days on certain surfaces (steel, wood, plastic, ceramics, glass etc.).

Therefore, regular cleaning and disinfection of surfaces in public places becomes one of the key public health measure towards reducing microorganisms and the spread of COVID-19 virus.

Even though BRIGHT FUTURE is not a public place, for purposes of COVID-19 containment and cleansing, we will regard it as such due to the fact that it is an ECD centre.

Surface Sanitising

Surface sanitising in the following identified risk areas will be undertaken minimum of 3 times daily:

- Tables, chairs;
- Classrooms;
- Learning resources
- Door handles;
- Offices;
- Toilet facilities;
- Playground;
- Other frequently touched surfaces; and
- Food preparation and eating areas.

Staff Trained On The Following

- The health risks posed by the sanitiser used;
- The type of PPE to be worn and the importance of wearing such during the application of the sanitiser;
- The first aid measures to be taken in case of accidental exposure to the sanitiser;
- The correct application of the sanitiser; and
- The cleaning and disposal of PPE.

All waste generated including masks, gloves, paper towels, etc. shall be treated as general waste. Waste baskets and bins are to be emptied daily and placed in plastic rubbish bags, tied when full and placed in the municipal waste bins. These plastic

rubbish bags shall be placed with the normal waste for collection, removal, transportation and disposal by the relevant municipality. No learners will have access to the waste bin area.

Cleaning Material

Different Types

Various types of cleaning material will be acquired, in sufficient quantities, by the ECD centre for purposes of disinfecting, cleaning and sanitising.

Storage and Stock Management

- All material purchased will be entered into a stock register which will be controlled and updated every time any of the material is decanted for use;
- Stock levels will not be allowed to drop below 40% of original supply;
- All stock will be stored in a locked room that will be locked to which access is strictly controlled;
- A warning sign indicating the storage of these items will be displayed on the door to the storage area.

Medical Treatment

- All staff who will come into contact with any of the cleaning chemicals will be trained on how to treat accidental digestion or contact with any of the materials;
- All materials require a similar protocol if ingested or if contact with eyes was made.

Ingestion

Do not induce vomiting. Wash out mouth with water and seek immediate medical attention.

Eye Contact

Flush eyes with water for at least 10 minutes, seek immediate medical attention.

Skin Contact

Flush with water for at least 10 minutes, seek immediate medical attention.

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