



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5101:2-13-13 Sanitary equipment and environment for a licensed family child care provider.

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(A) What are the requirements to provide and maintain a clean environment, furniture, materials and equipment in a licensed family child care home?

(1) Toilet tissue, liquid soap, running water, and individually assigned towels or disposable towels shall be provided in all bathrooms. Toilets and bathroom sinks shall be in good working condition. Toilets shall be flushed after each use.

(2) Equipment, furnishings, and materials shall be constructed of materials to facilitate cleaning .

(3) Accumulated trash and garbage are not to be stored in an area that has been approved for child care.

(4) The home shall be cleaned daily and kept in a sanitary condition at all times. Cleaning and sanitizing shall not take place while rooms are occupied by children, except for general cleanup activities such as sweeping and vacuuming, and wiping off tables which are part of the daily routine. The cleaning and sanitizing schedule contained in appendix A to this rule shall be followed.

(5) The premises shall be kept clean to prevent an infestation by insects or rodents.

(6) If the home's water is not publicly supplied, the provider shall contact the Ohio environmental protection agency (EPA) to determine if it qualifies as a public water system.

(a) If the water supply qualifies as a public water system, the provider shall comply with the Ohio EPA requirements.

(b) If the water supply does not qualify as a public water system, the provider shall contact the local health department to have the water tested and follow any additional requirements requested by the health department. The provider shall retain a copy of the water test in the home and make it



available upon request.

(7) On-site sewage disposal systems shall not present a public health hazard.

(B) What are the handwashing requirements for a licensed family child care home?

(1) Handwashing shall occur in a handwashing sink .

(2) Commercially manufactured non-permanent sinks may be used if fresh and waste water are inaccessible to children and disposed of in a sanitary manner.

(3) Handwashing requirements for the family child care provider, child care staff members, employees, residents, and children are detailed in appendix B to this rule.

(C) What are the requirements for a smoke free environment in a licensed family child care home?

The provider shall provide a smoke free environment for the children during the hours that child care is being provided as detailed in appendix C to this rule.

(D) What are the requirements for toothbrushing in a licensed family child care home?

Licensed family child care providers who provide toothbrushing shall:

(1) Label each toothbrush with child's name and store with bristles to air dry in such a way that the toothbrushes cannot contact or drip on each other and the bristles are not in contact with any surface.

(2) Ensure that when a single tube of toothpaste is used for more than one child a pea sized amount shall be dispensed onto a clean piece of paper or paper product for each child.

(3) Discard and replace toothbrushes every three months or if the toothbrush becomes contaminated.