



**MINISTRY OF HEALTH,  
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## **PROTOCOL FOR PRE-SCHOOLS**

### **PRE-SCHOOL OPERATOR/CAREGIVERS/ TEACHERS**

- Ensure that toilets and sinks are clean and readily available for the children and staff
- Ensure that there are disposable paper towels for use by each child and staff member
- Sanitize toys used by infants and toddlers before others can play with them
- Clean and disinfect all doors and cabinet handles, drinking fountains, all surfaces in the toileting and diapering areas at the start and end of each day
- Clean and disinfect changing tables and any potty chairs after each use
- Discourage sharing of utensils and bedding/blankets
- Properly store food brought from home
- Properly prepare food on site
- Ensure teachers, caregivers and students frequently wash hands during the day as follows:
  - When they arrive at the facility
  - Before and after handling food, feeding a child, or eating
  - After using the toilet, changing a diaper, or helping a child use the bathroom (Following a diaper change, the caregiver's and child's hands should be washed and the diaper-changing surfaces should be disinfected.)
  - After helping a child wipe his nose or mouth or tending to a cut or sore
  - Before and after staff members give medicine to a child
  - After handling wastebaskets or garbage
- Contact local health authorities if you suspect that a staff member or student is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath, new loss of smell or taste) or any other respiratory illness.
- Advise staff members to remain at home when ill



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- If child becomes ill while at school, separate ill child from the others and arrange for parent pick up.

## **STUDENTS**

- Wash hands for 20 seconds or sing happy birthday twice while washing hands
- Wash hands not only at school but at home, friends' home, church and everywhere else
- Wash hands:
  - Before eating
  - After going to the bathroom
  - After playing outside
  - After sneezing or coughing

### **Steps to Proper Hand Washing**

- Wet hands
- Apply soap to hands
- Rub hands together
- Scrub all over hands
- Keep rubbing and scrubbing for 20 seconds
- Rinse the hands
- Dry hands

*Please note that this document may be revised at any time at the discretion of the Health Services Subcommittee of the National Emergency Committee/COVID-19 Task Force, Ministry of Health, Wellness and the Environment.*

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