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COMMIT TO CLEAN: Classroom Checklist

Classrooms are shared spaces that are important to keep clean for the well-being of students and staff. In addition to routine school cleaning and following best practices from public health organizations, it's important to pay additional attention to frequently touched areas of the classroom.

Here's how:



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| Desks, chairs and tables | Shared school supplies |
| Countertops | Classroom electronics |
| Door handles and knobs | Faucets and drinking fountains |
| Cabinets, lockers, and bookshelves | Toys and other children's items |
| Light switches | |

Disinfecting 101

- ✓ **WHAT:** Frequently touched surfaces and objects in the classroom
- ✓ **WHEN:** At least daily, when children are not present
- ✓ **HOW:** For visibly dirty surfaces, pre-clean with soap and water. Using an EPA-registered disinfectant*, apply product per the manufacturer's directions, leaving on the surface for the entire time indicated.

For food contact surfaces or toys, follow manufacturer's application instructions, then if label directions require, rinse thoroughly with potable water and allow to air dry or dry with a clean towel.

*epa.gov/listn

Clean Classroom Tips

- ✓ Clear the clutter and focus on the most important teaching tools to reduce places that can collect dirt and germs.
- ✓ Consider removing items that get touched in the classroom but are difficult to sanitize or disinfect, like area rugs, plush toys or pillows.
- ✓ Keep hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol handy in the classroom when schedules prohibit a trip to the bathroom to wash hands. Please supervise its use by younger students.
- ✓ Discourage sharing of items that are difficult to clean or disinfect, like electronic devices or pens, pencils, crayons, etc.

Be Safe

- ✓ Never mix cleaning products.
- ✓ Read and follow label directions prior to cleaning and disinfecting.
- ✓ Open doors and windows to ensure adequate ventilation.
- ✓ Store all disinfectants appropriately and out of reach of small children.

If access to EPA-registered disinfectants is an issue, speak to school administrators.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



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