

MISCELLANEOUS

1. **Medications** must be provided by the parent along with any required dispenser. If a dispenser is required, then it should be stored along with the medication, in a zip-lock bag or other container which will protect it from contamination. Oral medications must not be administered or stored in the diaper area.

Medications must be stored separately from food and food related items, cleaning supplies, craft and activity supplies, and equipment. Medications must be stored in a secure area inaccessible to children. All medications must be labeled with the child's name and the date they were brought into the facility in the original container. Any medication requiring refrigeration should be held at or below 41°F. Common supplies of medications, such as Vaseline, sunscreen and ointments, must not be used. If children need such items, then individually labeled supplies must be provided. The caregiver must thoroughly wash his/her hands before and after administering. If children need such items, then individually labeled supplies must be provided. The caregiver must thoroughly wash his/her hands before and after administering **any** medication

2. **Pacifiers** should be provided by the parents on a daily basis. They must NOT be stored in the diapering area, and they should be labeled with the child's name. CCD rules say that EHS approves method for sanitizing pacifiers such as these 3 methods: 1) dishwasher, 2) boiling for 15 seconds and not longer than 1 minute, or 3) rinse, bleach spray, rinse well and leave for 1 minute. When using option (3), use the same bleach solution as you would for food preparation(s) and air dry is optional. **NOTE: A crock pot is not an approved method for sanitizing pacifiers because the temperature only goes to 120 degrees F. and that is NOT high enough.**
3. **Bathing Equipment:** The bath tub basin or sink used for bathing infants should be washed, rinsed, and sanitized prior to every use. A good, inexpensive sanitizing agent is water and chlorine bleach in the ratio of 2 teaspoons (tsp) bleach per gallon water (100 parts per million) and using test strip to check for accurate measurements. Soiled clothing or bedding should be placed directly in a waterproof, contained container that is cleanable or single use plastic bag. Towels and wash cloths should be used for one child or for one bath and put directly in a waterproof, cleanable receptacle. The caregiver should

thoroughly wash, rinse, sanitize or rinse and air-dry his/her hands after bathing a child.

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