California child care cleaning checklist

Walk each room with your director. Title 22 marks a licensing rule, Ed Code a Healthy Schools Act duty, and CFOC national best practice.

Center _____ **Room or area** _____

Checked by _____ **Date** _____

Whole center (Title 22)

	TASK	HOW OFTEN	BASIS
☐	Building clean, safe, sanitary and in good repair	At all times	Title 22 101238(a)
☐	Flies, insects and rodents kept out	Ongoing	Title 22 101238(a)(1)
☐	Mop water and used solutions disposed of safely	Each use	Title 22 101238(a)(2)
☐	Poisons locked; cleaners out of reach; none with food or in child areas	At all times	Title 22 101238(g), (i)
☐	Dishes and utensils cleaned and sanitized	After use	Title 22 101227(a)(21)
☐	Potty chairs cleaned and disinfected	After use	Title 22 101428

Nap equipment (Title 22)

	TASK	HOW OFTEN	BASIS
☐	Napping equipment cleaned and disinfected	Weekly or when soiled	Title 22 101239.1(b)(4)
☐	Sheets washed	Weekly or when soiled	Title 22 101239.1(c)(3)
☐	Blankets cleaned or changed	When soiled (CFOC: monthly)	Title 22 101239.1(c)(4)

Infant rooms and diapering (Title 22)

	TASK	HOW OFTEN	BASIS
☐	Changing table and pads disinfected, even with covers	After each change	Title 22 101428
☐	Diaper area surfaces, sinks, drawers and cabinets disinfected	After use or when soiled	Title 22 101428
☐	Diaper pails cleaned and sanitized	Daily (CFOC: disinfect)	Title 22 101428
☐	Floors other than carpet cleaned and disinfected	Daily	Title 22 101438.1(c)(1)
☐	Carpets and large rugs vacuumed	Daily; clean every 6 months	Title 22 101438.1(c)(2)
☐	Small rugs vacuumed or shaken; washed weekly	Daily	Title 22 101438.1(c)(2)(A)
☐	Walls and partitions cleaned and disinfected	Weekly	Title 22 101438.1(c)(3)
☐	High chairs and feeding chairs disinfected	After use	Title 22 101439(f)
☐	Center-provided bedding and cloth items sanitized	Daily or when soiled	Title 22 101438.1(e)
☐	Crib mattresses cleaned and disinfected	Daily and when wet or soiled	Title 22 101439.1(b)(4)(B)
☐	Mouthed objects cleaned and disinfected	Daily or more often	Title 22 101438.1(c)(1)

Healthy Schools Act (centers, not family homes)

	TASK	WHEN	BASIS
☐	Everyone applying disinfectants or pesticides has DPR training	Before use; staff yearly	Ed Code 17614
☐	Warning signs for non-exempt pesticide applications	24 h before, 72 h after	Ed Code 17612(d)
☐	Owner or pest company notice to the IPM coordinator	120 hours ahead	Ed Code 17610(b)(1)(A)
☐	Staff pesticide use reported to DPR (DPR-HSA-118)	By January 30	Ed Code 17611(b)
☐	Disinfectant use coordinated with the IPM coordinator	Before use	Practical step

Best practice (CFOC schedule, Aug 2024)

	TASK	HOW OFTEN	BASIS
☐	Food prep surfaces and tables cleaned and sanitized	Before and after each use	CFOC
☐	Mouthed toys sanitized before another child uses them	Each use	CFOC
☐	Toilets, sinks, bathroom counters and floors disinfected	Daily, end of day	CFOC
☐	Door and cabinet handles, drinking fountains disinfected	Daily	CFOC
☐	Water tables cleaned and disinfected	After each use	CFOC
☐	Classroom toys cleaned; cloth toys machine-washed between children	Weekly	CFOC
☐	Separate mops and cloths for toilet and diaper areas	Always	CFOC
☐	Clean first; follow label contact time; ventilate	Every use	CFOC

Notes