



updates

Niagara Supervisor's Network

Report to: Niagara Supervisor's Network
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During the licensing period since the last Supervisor's Network Meeting the following report has been prepared:

1. Program Advisors are asking for a copy of the supervisor's diploma for the licensing file.
2. It seems that many centres have started to use disinfectants other than bleach and water. According to the Day Nurseries Act, any change in the sanitation policy must be approved by the Ministry. If you still use the same policy you do not have to re-do it. The Program Advisor will ask to see it if she has any questions. The Program Advisor needs to ensure that the policy and procedure complies with the manufacturer's recommendations for use. Of particular note is the required contact time. Bleach and water has a known contact time of 45 seconds. This is a reasonable length of time prior to food presentation, diapering and other quick turnaround times. When preparing a new policy be sure to add:
 - the preparation formula (see the Health and Safety Manual from the Health Dept for the formula for bleach and water);
 - the contact time (length of time the solution has to stay on the surface to ensure proper disinfecting);
 - the surfaces to be cleaned by this solution (especially important if more than one disinfectant is used); and
 - the procedure staff are to follow (e.g. ensure children are a safe distance from the surface to be cleaned, etc.).

Check the Day Nurseries Manual for any further guidelines.

3. Tap water flushing is now being checked. Staff are being asked to keep a permanent record for the time of the flush and the person who does the flush. This record must be kept for 5 years. For centres in schools see if there is a record being kept by the school which could be available to you if needed.
4. Administrative items - Health Card #'s, immunization records, and addresses and phone numbers for parents' work AND doctors in file and on emergency cards.
5. Generally seeing very nice interactions between staff and children, great teamwork, and wonderful room arrangements.
6. Flu shot season for children, parents, and staff as recommended by the MOH.

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