

Clean Toys To Keep Your Children Healthy

Wash or wipe down your children's toys every day they are used and every time they get dirty.



- To clean toys that can be damaged by water (for example, electronics, windup toys or books), use alcohol wipes with at least 70% alcohol.
- To clean toys that will not be damaged by water, put them in a dishwasher or washing machine (using the hot water setting) or scrub them with warm, soapy water.

After washing or wiping down toys, remove germs using 1 teaspoon of bleach in 1 gallon of cool water or use an Environmental Protection Agency-registered disinfectant.

- For a list of registered disinfectant products, visit bit.ly/epa-list-g-products or scan the QR code.
- Products approved for norovirus will also work against other viruses and bacteria.



- To clean toys children put in their mouths, use products that remove germs, then rinse the toys with clean water and let them dry.



Children should not attend child care while they are sick. They can usually return when they no longer have symptoms.

Depending on the type of infection your child has, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene may advise when it is safe for them to return to child care.



For more information, call **311** or visit nyc.gov/health and search for **child wellness**.