

**LAC+USC MEDICAL CENTER
DEPARTMENT OF INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

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Subject: CLEANING OF PEDIATRIC PLAYROOM & TOYS		Original Issue Date: 04/2016	Effective Date: Feb 2023
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PURPOSE

To ensure that standards for infection prevention and control as well as safety and environmental cleaning are adhered when providing playroom activities to the pediatric patients.

POLICY

The staff will be responsible for maintaining and keeping the playroom neat and clean. Staff will follow the policy and procedures for LAC+USC Medical Center infection control and safety standards.

PROCEDURE

Cleaning the Playroom

CHILD LIFE STAFF / VOLUNTEERS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Organize all toys and equipment appropriately. Make sure small items like Legos and doll house furniture are placed back in the plastic containers.
2. Ensure that the portable mats are placed in the proper areas prior to playtime.
3. Any small toys, e.g., rattles, that infants place in their mouths are to be placed in the "TOYS TO BE CLEANED" box.
4. All portable mats used must be cleaned between patients.
5. Toys used must be wiped down with detergent soap or disinfectant wipes. Allow the disinfectant to remain in contact with the toy according to manufacturer's instructions for us.
6. Mouthed toys or toys contaminated with secretions/excretions must be washed with water and detergent, rinsed, and air-dried before reuse.
7. Regularly replace emergency items such as gloves, tissues, baby blankets, and towels.
8. Interlocking rubber mats should not be used for flooring as it is difficult or impossible to clean between their crevices.
9. Sheet vinyl flooring, with tiles as large as feasible to minimize number of creases, should be regularly cleaned according to Environmental Services cleaning schedule or whenever visibly soiled.
10. A toy/safety check will be conducted at least weekly during cleaning time.

REFERENCES

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Guidelines for Evacuation Center Play Areas.
2. APIC Textbook of Infection Control and Epidemiology Edition (2022). Chapter 53: Child Care Services.