

# TOY DISINFECTION

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The CDC recommends the cleaning of visibly dirty surfaces followed by disinfection for prevention of COVID-19 in households, childcares, & schools.

***This includes toys!***

Cleaning **removes** germs and dirt using soap and water. Disinfecting **kills** germs using chemicals.

**Use diluted bleach to disinfect hard plastic, rubber, and metal toys.** Wipe off dirt and place toys in a bucket with 1/3 cup bleach and a gallon of water for 5 minutes. Afterward, rinse the toys with water and let them completely dry.



**Books, wooden blocks, and electronics can be wiped down using a disinfectant wipe or spray.** Be sure the surface remains wet for 5 minutes or the time required on the wipe's label & let it air dry. If this toy is likely to be in your child's mouth, rinse it well with a damp clean cloth and let it air dry again.

**Stuffed animals, blankets, and cloth books often can be cleaned on the gentle cycle in the washing machine.** Tie the items inside a pillowcase to protect them. Make sure these toys don't have batteries or electronics inside.



Always read and follow the safety instructions on cleaner and disinfectant labels. **NEVER MIX** cleaners or chemicals like ammonia, bleach, vinegar, or rubbing alcohol - this can create poison gases. If someone swallows bleach or another disinfectant, or has breathing or skin problems, call **Poison Control (800) 222-1222**.



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**Looking for more information on cleaning & disinfecting to protect against COVID-19?**

- **Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC):**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/cleaning-disinfection.html>
- **US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**  
**Disinfectants List:**  
<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2-covid-19>
- **University of Rochester Medical Center -**  
**Disinfection handouts and flyers:**  
<https://virussafefhousekeeping.urmc.edu>



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