

Toothbrushing Program

- Label each toothbrush with the child's name; use tape on the handle or an indelible marker.
- Do not clean or disinfect toothbrushes.
- Dispose of and replace with a new toothbrush
 - on a regular basis.
 - if a toothbrush makes contact with another toothbrush
 - if the ownership of the toothbrush is in question.
- Dispose of and replace with a new toothbrush if a child has been ill to reduce the risk of re-infection.
- Store toothbrushes out of reach of children.
- Prevent cross-contamination by ensuring toothbrushes are NOT in contact with one another.
- Store toothbrushes in a freestanding manner. If necessary, they can be placed against surfaces that are non-porous and washable. These surfaces must be cleaned and disinfected daily.
- Allow toothbrushes to dry between brushings. If necessary, lay brushes on paper towel to dry, before covering bristles with individual brush covers.
- Hang a toothbrush on a peg board to dry as long as the toothbrush is not dripping on another toothbrush below.
- Clean and disinfect any toothbrush holders on a regular basis.
- Ensure the tube of toothpaste does not come into contact with the head of the toothbrush, unless the child has their own tube. Instead, apply a pea-sized amount to a small piece of paper towel and then apply the toothpaste to the child's brush.
- Ensure toothpaste is dispensed by staff, not a child.
- Do not apply more toothpaste to a child's brush once the original amount is gone.

For Further Information Contact your Public Health Inspector at 625-5900 or toll free 1-888-294-630.

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