

Water Play Safety

- Stop all group water play during a suspected outbreak of illness, either gastrointestinal or respiratory.
- Exclude infants, toddlers and diapered children from group play at a water table. These children may use individual containers. These containers can be placed on the same table or on the floor to represent group play.
- Fill water table or individual containers with clean water before each use.
- Do not add bleach or other disinfectant to the water.
- Wash hands with soap and water before and after play; this applies to both children and staff.
- Do not use sponge toys.
- Discourage children from drinking the water or placing toys in their mouths.
- Exclude ill children with a cough, runny nose and skin or eye infections from group play
- Dump water after every use.
- Clean and disinfect the water table, all containers and all toys after each use.

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

Please note:

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