

Table Cleaning Procedures

Eating surfaces should be kept clean to avoid the spread of disease, and cleaning products must be used appropriately to ensure the safety of children.

These procedures should be followed before any time that children eat.

ECERS-R Aligned Products for Table Cleaning

- Soap solution: mix one-quart water and a capful of soap, or ¼ cup of soap per one gallon of water. Put in a spray bottle.
- Bleach solution: mix one-quart water and a capful of bleach, or ¼ cup of bleach per one gallon of water. Put in a spray bottle.
 - OR EPA approved sanitizer: check the label for this designation

Bleach/water solutions and EPA cleaning products should be kept out of reach of children at all times.

Table Cleaning Procedures, as outlined in the *All About the ECERS-R* book (pp. 93-94):

Wipe Down

- Wipe down tables with soap/water solution to remove visible soil
- Dry with an individual disposable towel per table;

Sanitize

- Spray surface with bleach/water solution
- Air dry for at least 10 seconds
- Wipe with a disposable towel, or allow to completely air dry (2 minutes is the ideal to kill germs)
- Alternative: use an EPA approved product and follow the procedures described on the container's label

Store Product

- Put products away so that children cannot reach them