

Vomit Cleanup Procedure

Policy/Approach:

SOHS is committed to ensuring the health and safety of each child and family we serve and employees of the agency. For this reason, and in compliance with Head Start Program Performance Standards and state licensing regulations, this procedure clearly defines preventing exposure to body fluids using appropriate clean-up methods.

Head Start Program Performance Standards:

1302.47 – Safety Practices

OSHA General Industry Standards:

29 CFR 1910.1030 – Bloodborne Pathogens

Kitchen staff may not participate in cleaning or handling bodily fluids (exception is breastmilk).

Procedure:

1. When a child vomits, immediately get the Vomit Kit and absorbent material and put on gloves and a mask.
2. Cordon off the area around the vomit.
3. Assist the child to the bathroom to clean up. Remove your first pair of gloves and mask; place them in the clear zip-lock bag and take the child to an appropriate place.
 - a. Child will need to be sent home and excluded following the Illness and Injury policy and procedure.
4. Put on a second pair of gloves and a second mask.
5. Completely cover vomit with vomit-absorbing product.
6. When the vomit has been absorbed, scrape up the vomit with the scraper, and put it in the clear zip-lock bag.
7. Remove your gloves and mask and put them in the bag also.
8. Put on new gloves, and thoroughly clean contaminated surfaces with water and detergent. Spray with disinfecting solution and let stand for a minimum of 10 minutes, and wipe with paper towel or allow to air dry.
9. Disinfect all surfaces within a 5-foot area around the vomit. Let solution stand for a minimum of 10 minutes. Wipe down with paper towels or allow to air dry.



10. When finished, take the clear zip-lock bag with trash, and dispose of it in the outside garbage can.
11. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm-running water for at least 20 seconds. Dry hands thoroughly and use the paper towel to turn off the water.
12. Obtain a new vomit kit to replace the used one.
13. Request additional vomit kits as needed from the Health Team via [Health Supply Order Form](#) on the Health SharePoint page.