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POLICY: Staff, volunteers and children wash their hands with soap and running water at least at the following times:

- After diapering or toilet use.
- Before and after food preparation, handling, consumption or any other food-related activity. (i.e. setting the table)
- Whenever hands are contaminated with blood and other bodily fluids.
- After handling pets or other animals.
- After playing outdoors.
- After coughing, sneezing, or nose blowing.
- Before and after giving medications or performing delegate nursing activities.
- Before and after treating or bandaging a wound (NON POROUS GLOVES MUST be worn if there is contact with blood and blood-containing body fluids.) Double gloves are recommended when performing blood sugar testing.
- After caring for a sick child.
- After any cleaning procedure.

PROCEDURE:

- Ensure that each sink is supplied with dispensable soap and disposable paper towels. Antibacterial towelettes should be provided where water is not available.
- Wet hands thoroughly under warm water. Use cold water if warm water is unavailable.
- Dispense soap into wet hands. Bar soap should be used when dispensed soap is unavailable.
- Vigorously rub hands together for one minute, cleaning fingernails, cuticles, between fingers and under jewelry. Include washing above the wrists.
- Rinse hands thoroughly.
- Dry hands using a disposable towel. **After drying hands, use the towel to turn off the water.**
- Dispose of paper towel waste container.