

TOOTHBRUSH STORAGE IN CHILD CARE FACILITIES

If tooth brushing occurs at the child care facility, the procedures listed below should be followed:

1. Toothbrushes should be in good condition and shall be individually labeled with the child's name;
2. Toothbrush holders and racks shall be washed, rinsed and sanitized when visibly soiled or as needed;
3. Toothpaste shall be dispensed in a manner that prevents contamination from toothbrush to toothbrush;
4. Children may brush their teeth at the children's hand washing sink if the sink and faucets have been washed, rinsed and sanitized prior to and after toothbrushing;
5. Toothbrushes, cups and toothpaste shall not be stored in the bathroom or within reach of children;
6. Toothbrushes shall be air dried and stored to prevent contamination; and
7. Any cups used with tooth brushing shall be single service or individually assigned. Any individually assigned cups shall be washed, rinsed and sanitized after each use.

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