

New Notes to be Released for the Environment Rating Scales



Clayton Early Learning and the Division of Environmental Health and Sustainability have started a new collaboration for 2018! From this collaboration, we have learned some of the practices in the Environment Rating Scales are causing programs to receive violations from the Health Department. With this knowledge, we have realized some changes are necessary to set programs up for success. Due to the impact the current standards are having on programs, we decided to release notes for clarification after July 1st in hopes this alignment will benefit the programs we serve.

What's Changing and Why

What? When foam soap is used, hands **must be wet with warm, running water** prior to using foam soap. This step cannot be skipped. Using spray bottles is not an acceptable substitute; warm, running water must be used for all handwashing.

Why? Per the Colorado Health Department, warm, running water is required for adequate hand washing.

What? Any time soapy water is used for sanitizing or disinfecting, **a rinse step must occur**, before using sanitizer/disinfectant.

Why? Per the Colorado Health Department, the residue from the soapy water makes the sanitizer/disinfectant ineffective.

What? When children use the sensory table with wet or dry materials made to scoop, pour, and dump, hands must be washed **before and after** each use.

Why? Per the Colorado Health Department, hand washing must occur before and after use to eliminate the spread of germs.

When will the new notes be released?

October 1st, 2018

What will they entail?

What is listed on this flyer for all scales including, ECERS-R, ITERS-R, FCCERS-R, and SACERS-U.

Where can I find the new notes?

This flyer and the new notes can be found on Clayton's website here:

<https://www.claytonearlylearning.org/training-professional-development/courses-workshops/ers-tools.html>

