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**Healthy Hand Hygiene Behavior Policy**

* All children, staff, and volunteers should engage in hand hygiene at the following times:
  + Arrival to the facility and after breaks
  + Before and after preparing food or drinks
  + Before and after eating or handling food, or feeding children
  + Before and after administering medication or medical ointment
  + Before and after diapering
  + After using the toilet or helping a child use the bathroom
  + After coming in contact with bodily fluid
  + After handling animals or cleaning up animal waste
  + After playing outdoors or in sand
  + After handling garbage
* Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If hands are not visibly dirty, alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol can be used if soap and water are not readily available.
* Supervise children when they use hand sanitizer to prevent ingestion.
* Assist children with hand washing, including infants who cannot wash hands alone.
  + After assisting children with hand washing, staff should also wash their hands.