



# Staying Healthy and Safe at Playgroup

This fact sheet looks at how to keep your playgroup squeaky clean



## CLEANING TOGETHER SHOULD BE FUN

Talk about cleaning, hygiene and infection control with your group. Define some policies and procedures around hygiene and cleanliness. This might include a toy cleaning roster, a venue cleaning roster, or a small financial contribution for cleaning supplies.



**MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK. STAYING CLEAN TAKES A VILLAGE.**



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## What you can do

It's really important to be mindful of the cleanliness of your venue and shared spaces as well as shared toys, play equipment and other resources, particularly during times of increased infection risk. Think about your normal routine at Playgroup and what happens at your venue.

We have provided some handy tips below.



### Share the load to stay clean

Floors and surfaces, kitchen spaces, toilets, door handles and light switches, and other fixtures inside and outside may require additional cleaning. You may need to revise your cleaning roster and develop a cleaning checklist. Ensure your venue allocation allows enough time for cleaning. You may have to change the length of your sessions.



### Keep your toys and equipment clean

During this high-risk period, we recommend all toys are thoroughly cleaned after each playgroup session. To make life easier, you may like to limit the kinds and number of toys used at each session. I.e. Soft toys and sensory play may be difficult to wash, or won't survive frequent washing. Follow washing instructions on the toy or look at other [handy guides online](#).



### Stop the spread

Ask families with babies or toddlers to bring their own rug, rattles and chew toys for their children rather than sharing other toys. Small changes to what you play with can help reduce potential risk of infection.



### Cleaning supplies

Do you have appropriate cleaning supplies? Your list should include disposable paper towel, wipes or cloths; food grade surface and floor cleaner and sprays, rubber or disposable gloves; as well as plenty of hand soap and sanitiser to help keep germs away.

## Still have questions?

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