If you are using a bleach solution for sanitizing your facility, use the following concentrations. These solutions must be made daily using warm water. *Don’t use cold or very hot water.* One person should be designated to make these sanitizing solutions. **LABEL BOTTLES WITH CORRECT SOLUTION STRENGTH AND DATE OF PREPARATION.**

Dishes, toys, and items you submerge in the bleach solution for one minute:

- **50 parts per million (check with chlorine test strips)**
- **(Approximately one-half teaspoon chlorine to one gallon water.)**

Tables, food preparation areas, toys, cots, and items you spray bleach solution on to sanitize:

- **1 tablespoon** chlorine to one gallon water.
- **(Paper test strip will show dark at 200 ppm.)**

When sanitizing surfaces such as cots, toys, counter tops and tables with 200 ppm bleach solution the following contact times must be followed:

- Sprayed surfaces must be wet for one minute before wiping dry with a disposable paper towel
- Wet wiped surfaces must wait two minutes before being wiped dry with a disposable paper towel.

* Universal Precautions: For areas saturated with blood or blood products:

- **10%** solution - label your spray container indicating this concentration.
- **(One cup bleach to 9 cups water in a one gallon container.)**

Test strips will turn very dark and then turn back to white. **Bottle must be dated** when made and solution discarded after 24 hours.

* Diaper changing table and areas where a small amount of blood is visible:

- **One (1) tablespoon** bleach to one (1) quart water or equivalent germicidal.
- Test strips will turn very dark and then turn back to white. **Bottle must be dated** when made and solution discarded after 24 hours.

If you are using a sanitizer other than a bleach solution, check with the Child Care Section for equivalent sanitizing solutions. Call 317 / 233-5412 or 1-877-511-1144 for additional assistance.

* This is a stronger concentration of chlorine than previously required. It has been changed to this concentration as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control federal guidelines and the Universal Precautions guidelines. **Do not** use this solution on tables, toys, cots, or food preparation areas.