



Due to the numerous parent inquiries recently regarding the infection control policies and procedures that are in effect at SenseAbilities, this notice serves as a reassurance of the serious sterilization and hygienic practices that take place at SenseAbilities.

First and foremost, SenseAbilities practices regular cleaning of both our office space and the toys that we use in therapy. To achieve this objective, we've chosen to go with a safe, environmentally friendly, process instead of using harsh chemicals (such as Lysol) that leave residual amounts of bacteria. We have handouts that show the effective sterilization time for the most common virus and bacteria available upon request. It should be noted that a lot of the "common" sanitizers need up to 10 minutes on the surface to work, which is a much longer time than is generally assumed.

In addition to our sterilization processes, all staff are trained in, and utilize universal precautions which include sanitizing self and common contact areas between sessions. As you may have observed in our clinics, there are sanitizing stations located through-out the public and therapy areas.

In addition to increasing our disinfection of the clinic more frequently, other steps that have been increased include:

- Screening families and kiddies for signs of infection and declining services if observed
- Avoiding touching of hands to face/eyes/nose/mouth and teaching children served the same
- SenseAbilities has always enforced the same signs of infection policy with staff. This means that if we're observing signs or symptoms from staff, they will be asked to go to the doctor or home to recover.

For inquiries regarding the sick policy for patients and information on when to cancel an appointment due to symptoms, please ask the front desk for a handout or to be directed to the information posted in the office.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding any of the policies and procedures in place, feel free to reach out to management.

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Effective Sterilization Time for Common Viruses and Bacteria

Hard Surfaces

	KILL TIME
<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> (multidrug-resistant)	1 min
<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>	1 min*
<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i>	30 sec
<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i> (vancomycin-resistant) (VRE)	30 sec
<i>Enterococcus faecium</i> (multidrug-resistant)	30 sec
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	30 sec
<i>Escherichia coli</i> ESBL	30 sec
<i>Escherichia coli</i> New Delhi Metallo-Beta Lactamase-1 (NDM-1)	30 sec
<i>Escherichia coli</i> O157:H7	30 sec
<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>	30 sec*
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> (carbapenem-resistant)	30 sec
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> New Delhi Metallo-Beta Lactamase-1 (NDM-1)	30 sec
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> ESBL	30 sec
<i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> (multidrug-resistant)	30 sec
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	30 sec
<i>Salmonella enterica</i>	30 sec
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	1 min
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (linezolid-resistant) (LRSA)	1 min
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (methicillin-resistant) (MRSA) (ATCC 33591)	1 min
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (methicillin-resistant) (MRSA) (ATCC 33592)	1 min
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (community-associated methicillin-resistant) (CA-MRSA) (USA 300)	1 min
<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>	30 sec
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> (penicillin-resistant)	30 sec
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>	30 sec
	KILL TIME
Avian influenza A virus	30 sec
Cytomegalovirus	30 sec

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Herpes simplex virus type 1 (HSV-1)	30 sec
Herpes simplex virus type 2 (HSV-2)	30 sec
Human Hepatitis B virus (HBV)	30 sec
Human Hepatitis C virus (HCV)	30 sec
Human coronavirus	30 sec
Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1)	30 sec
Influenza A virus (H1N1)	30 sec
Influenza A virus (Hong Kong)	30 sec
Influenza B virus	30 sec
Respiratory Syncytial virus (RSV)	30 sec
Rhinovirus	1 min
Rotavirus	1 min