

# Sanitization of Equipment Policy and Procedure

Oklahoma ABLE Tech



# Sanitization Policy

All assistive technology (AT) devices will be inspected at the time they are received back from a demonstration. Devices are checked to ensure they are in working order, cleaned, and sanitized before being placed on a shelf in the equipment storage area or placed back into the AT kit bag. This assures it is in sanitary condition before it is requested for another AT demonstration or short-term loan.

# U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Appropriate or approved disinfectants are determined by the EPA, which oversees the registration of anti-microbial products. A list maintained by the Office of Pesticide Programs provides the most recent information available from the EPA on registered anti-microbials.

# Steps to Protect from Infection

- Wash hands with hot water and soap before beginning to sanitize equipment. Apply soap to all hand surfaces and dry thoroughly.
- Put on disposable gloves before handling contaminated equipment.
- Put on new gloves before cleaning the next piece of equipment.

# Sanitization Supplies and Common Cleaning Products

- Disposable Gloves
- EPA Approved Sanitation Wipes
- Alcohol-based Hand Rub
- Absorbent Towels
- Soap and Hot Water
- EPA Approved Disinfectant Spray

# Sanitization After in Home Demonstration

- While in the consumer's home, attempt to wipe items using an EPA approved disinfectant prior to putting away AT.
- Contaminated AT should be placed in a separate bag from clean equipment.
- Store contaminated AT separate in the vehicle from clean AT items.

# Sanitizing Equipment

- All equipment is cleaned with EPA approved wipes. Alcohol prep pads are used for smaller devices and stubborn dirt.
- Equipment is cleaned and sanitized in a space separate from the equipment storage area.
- Gloves are worn by the person cleaning the devices and changed between each device.
- All areas used to unpack and sanitize equipment are thoroughly cleaned between device preparation.

# Sanitizing Equipment Cont.

- An additional EPA approved cleaner is used for deodorizing and stubborn stains.
- Surfaces on devices are required to air dry or be dried with a clean absorbent towel prior to storing with clean items.
- All steps are followed unless product instructions indicate otherwise.
- Cloth materials are taken to a commercial laundry cleaner or washed by a designated employee following the appropriate washing instructions for each contaminated item.



# SoonerStart AT Kit Sanitization – Daily Living

- **Easy Hold Universal Cuff**– Place in the dishwasher basket. If this is not an option, wash with hot water and soap. The product will not degrade with repeated use of EPA approved disinfectant wipes.
- **Trisuction Plate**– The dishwasher is safe for the trisuction plate or wash with soap and hot water.

# SoonerStart AT Kit Sanitization – Daily Living Cont.

- **Z-Vibe Handle** - Wipe the handle with an EPA approved disinfecting spray or wipe.
- **Z-Vibe Tips**
  - Scrub with mild soap and hot water.
  - Put in the dishwasher secured from the heating element.
  - The tips can also be boiled for a few minutes; wait a few hours before using the equipment again.

**Note:** Remember Z-vibe tips are for single-patient use.

# SoonerStart AT Kit Sanitization - Environmental

- **Vibrating Pillow** - Pillow is surface-clean only.
- **Mini Fans**
  - Always unplug the fan before cleaning or disassembling.
  - Do not allow water to drip on or enter the fan housing.
  - Be sure to use a soft cloth moistened with a hot soap solution.
- **Battery Adapters** - Wipe with an EPA approved disinfecting wipe without saturating the device.

# SoonerStart AT Kit Sanitization – Environment Continued

- **Weighted Vest** - Follow cleaning instructions as outlined on the product insert. Some products can be machine or hand-washed, others are surface-clean only. Air dry. Sanitize the weights by wiping entire surface with an approved EPA disinfectant.
- **Standard Switches** - Disconnect the switch before cleaning with an EPA approved disinfecting wipe or alcohol. Do not immerse in water or use solvents to clean. Do not open or attempt to take apart the switch.

# SoonerStart AT Kit Sanitization – Environmental Cont.

- **Movement Sensor Switch** - Disconnect the switch before cleaning with any, non-abrasive EPA approved disinfectant.
- **Powerlink** - Disconnect the PowerLink from the wall outlet; disconnect the appliances and switches from the PowerLink. The PowerLink should only be cleaned with an EPA approved disinfecting wipe without saturating the device.
- **Wobble Switch** - Disconnect the switch before cleaning with any, non-abrasive EPA approved disinfectant.

# SoonerStart AT Kit Sanitization - Hearing

- **Bright Starts Light and Learn Drum** - wipe clean with any non-abrasive EPA approved disinfectant.

# SoonerStart AT Kit Sanitization - LCD

- **iPad**

- Using 70% isopropyl alcohol wipe, gently wipe the hard surfaces of your Apple product.
- Do not use bleach.
- Avoid getting moisture in any opening, do not submerge any Apple products into cleaning solutions.

- **iPad Case**

- Wipe down the case with an EPA approved disinfectant wipe.
- Make sure to clean inside all cracks and corners, and wipe more than once if necessary, to keep the device wet for a minimum of three (3) minutes.
- Allow the device and accessories to dry.

# SoonerStart AT Kit Sanitization – LCD

## Continued

- **Board Books** - Wipe all pages of books with an EPA approved disinfectant.
- **Colored Overlays** - Wipe all pages of books with an EPA approved disinfectant.
- **Read-Along Story Book** - Gently wipe CD with a lint-free cloth using 70% isopropyl alcohol.
- **Muffin Pan** – Put in dishwasher to clean. If this is not an option, wash with soap and hot water.



# SoonerStart AT Kit Sanitization – LCD Cont.

- **Suppertime for Frieda Fuzzypaws** - Wipe all hard surface pieces with an EPA approved disinfectant. Dispose of the noodles and plate. Replace disposed items with new.
- **Slant Board** - Wipe on all sides with an EPA approved disinfectant.

# SoonerStart AT Kit Sanitization – Mobility/Seating

- **Sit Me Up**

- To clean the frame and toys, wipe clean using an EPA approved cleaning solution and a damp cloth. Do not use bleach. Do not use harsh or abrasive cleaners. Rinse clean with water to remove soap residue.
- Machine wash the pad in cold water on the gentle cycle. Do not use bleach. Tumble dry on low heat.

- **Versa Form Positioning Pillow/Pump** - Wipe the versa form pillow, valve, and pump entirely with an EPA approved disinfectant. Wash the cover in the washing machine.

# SoonerStart AT Kit Sanitization – Recreation

- **Switch Toys** - Disconnect the switch before cleaning with an EPA approved disinfecting wipe or alcohol. Do not immerse in water or use solvents to clean. Do not open or attempt to take apart the device.

# SoonerStart AT Kit Sanitization – Speech Communication

- **7 Level Black Communication Builder** - Wipe clean with any mild EPA approved, non-abrasive cleaner and disinfectant. Do not submerge the unit.
- **BIGmack** - Wipe clean with any mild approved EPA, non-abrasive cleaner and disinfectant. Do not submerge the unit.

# SoonerStart AT Kit Sanitization – Vision

- **Braille Blocks** - Clean lightly with a damp hot cloth and a mild EPA approved disinfectant; avoid saturating the embossed sides.
- **Mini Lite-Box w/Carrying Case, Overlays, Spinner, Patterns** – Wipe clean with any mild EPA approved ,non-abrasive cleaner and disinfectant.

# SoonerStart AT Kit Sanitization – Misc./Tool

- **25 PC Mini Tool Kit** - Wipe each tool on all sides with an EPA approved disinfectant. Wipe and disinfect the case with EPA approved disinfectant.
- **Analog Battery Tester** - Wipe on all sides with an EPA approved disinfectant. Allow to dry completely before use.
- **Notching File** - Wipe on all sides with an EPA approved disinfectant.

# ABLE Tech SoonerStart Sanitization Checklist

ABLE Tech is requiring the sanitization of all AT kits located in each county. The AT kits are not to be used until the items are sanitized and the checklist is returned to ABLE Tech. The checklist can be faxed, mailed, or emailed. Please return the checklist before resuming face to face visits.



# Questions?



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