

# **Community Re-entry for Educational Institutions and**

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### Food

- Discard:
  - Food stored in refrigerators and freezers **IF** the temperature was warmer than 4°C at any time (temperatures may fluctuate during power disruptions).
  - Spoiled food, opened foods, or fire or water-damaged foods like dry goods (i.e., flour, sugar, spices, etc.) even if the package is not open.
  - Unrefrigerated raw vegetables or fruit.
  - Canned food that is bulging, rusted, or dented.
  - If in doubt, throw it out.
- Clean and sanitize the exterior of all canned goods before opening.

### Water

- After any disaster, you may want to check with a qualified electrician before using your washer and dryer.
- Consider scraping all heavy dirt from clothes, rinse and wash several times with detergent and dry immediately to prevent mould from forming.
- Never use water you think may be contaminated to wash dishes, prepare food, wash hands, make ice, etc.

### Clothing, Bedding, Plush Toys, etc.

- Launder all affected clothing, plush toys, bedding, and costumes. You may require numerous rinse cycles to extract any contaminants. Consider laundering offsite using a machine tagged for heavy contaminants at a laundromat.
- Professional assistance is recommended to remove any related odour or dirt from mattresses.
- **Do not save** books, paper materials, plush toys, or mattresses if they become wet.
- Vacuum or damp-wipe books, cardboard, and other paper materials. If heavily damaged, they may need to be discarded.
- Furniture may be difficult or impossible to clean if upholstered, especially if there is odour that has permeated into these furnishings. Upholstered furniture may be steam cleaned or may need replacement.
- Absorbent materials such as disposable diapers should be considered unusable if open to contamination. If the materials are contaminated, discard the item as it cannot be cleaned.

## **Clean and Sanitize Toys and Equipment**

- Clean and sanitize all toys and equipment. Refer to the directions on making sanitizing solutions below.
- Use a commercial dishwasher or three-compartment sink to wash, rinse, and sanitize non-plush toys or toys without electronic components using potable water. Ensure dishwashers are achieving the necessary temperatures and sanitizer concentrations.
- Before washing toys and equipment, run the dishwasher empty through the wash- rinse-sanitize cycle three times. This practice will flush the water lines and clean and sanitize the dishwasher's interior.
- For equipment such as sleeping mats and cots, where the material is impervious to moisture, these materials must be clean and sanitized prior to use.
- Sanitizing Solutions include:
  - chlorine bleach at a concentration of 100–200 ppm (approximately one tablespoon of bleach in one gallon of potable water), or
  - quaternary ammonium at a concentration of 200 ppm, or
  - other approved sanitizers.

## **Outdoor Play Equipment and Surfacing**

- For equipment such as sleeping mats and cots, where the material is impervious to moisture, these materials must be clean and sanitized prior to use.
- Inspect all surfacing for contaminants. Spray down and remove visibly contaminated loose material. (e.g., sand, mud).
- Inspect the playground before allowing play. Do not allow children outside for outdoor play/recess until the play area and equipment have been assessed for contaminants and safety.
- Monitor the Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) to determine whether it is safe for children to play outdoors.