

Recommendations

1. Children should wash or sanitize their hands after playing on any type of floor.
 2. Rugs and movable carpet squares should be removed from the play space.
 3. Easily cleaned and disinfected pads should be used.
 4. The pads should be cleaned and disinfected in between uses by different children.
 5. Ideally each child should be assigned their own pad and not shared with others.
 6. Installed carpeting on floors where infants, toddlers and school age children may play should be:
 - Vacuumed daily using a HEPA filtration vacuum cleaner.
 - At end of day and after the room has been cleaned and disinfected.
 - Shampooed every month.
 - After closing on a Friday to allow the carpet to dry over the weekend.
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Considerations**1. Saskatchewan**

- Carpeting is allowed in Schools and Child Care facilities.
- The online Child Care Licensee Manual suggests that carpets be cleaned:
 - Once a month in infant and toddler rooms; and
 - Once every three months in rooms with preschool and school-age children.
 - Disinfection of carpets is not mentioned.

(This can be found in Section 21 of the online manual at:

<http://publications.saskatchewan.ca:80/api/v1/products/100929/formats/111500/download>

- The Public Health Orders and ROSP Guidelines do not require enhanced carpet cleaning and disinfection.

2. Other Jurisdictions

- Alberta recommends more frequent cleaning, but does not specify how often.
 - (Cleaning and Disinfection, Page 10, GUIDANCE FOR DAY CARE/OUT OF SCHOOL CARE (CHILD CARE))
<https://open.alberta.ca/dataset/54c64016-fd3f-40f5-a259-f5e08483bb29/resource/02535058-4d86-4478-9f19-a4db321ae9ba/download/covid-19-relaunch-guidance-daycare-out-of-school-care-2020-0831.pdf>
- BC, Manitoba and Ontario do not have specific Covid-19 requirements for the cleaning and disinfection of carpets.
- CDC
 - Recommends that carpets can be vacuumed as normal, unless the facility has a confirmed or suspected case of Covid-19.
 - If there is a case then the following is recommended:
 - After cleaning and disinfection, the following recommendations may help reduce the risk to workers and other individuals when vacuuming:
 - Use a vacuum equipped with a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter, if available.
 - Do not vacuum a room or space that has people in it. Wait until the room or space is empty to vacuum, such as at night, for common spaces, or during the day for private rooms.
 - Temporarily turn off in-room, window-mounted, or on-wall recirculation HVAC to avoid contamination of the HVAC units.
 - Do NOT deactivate central HVAC systems. These systems tend to provide better filtration capabilities and introduce outdoor air into the areas that they serve.

(The above is included in the answer to the question: Is it safe to vacuum in a school, business, or community facility after someone with Covid-19 was there?)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#Cleaning-and-Disinfection>)

- As for disinfection of carpeting after there has been a case, the following is recommended:
 - ...use products that are EPA-approved for use against the virus that causes COVID-19 and that are suitable for porous surfaces.
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html#Cleaning>)
- The EPA only lists two disinfectants that should be effective against Covid-19 on porous surfaces and they are both Hydrogen Peroxide based and must be applied using a vapour generating device; which the CDC advises should not be used in schools.
 - Health Canada has not approved any disinfectants for use on porous surfaces, such as carpeting.