

Infection Control Procedure

IMPORTANT: It is essential to wear gloves when handling cleaning products.

PHYSICAL EXAMS

Be sure to wash your hands thoroughly prior to working with the patient. Always wear gloves when performing aural or oral examination or treatment. Wash hands again when you are finished working with the patient. Sinks are located in the restrooms on both the north and south ends of the clinic. Hand sanitizer is also provided in each of the rooms. If clients hand you dentures, hearing aids, etc. use a paper towel or tissue to receive them. Be sure to wash your hands and use hand sanitizer after handling these objects.

TREATMENT, WAITING AREAS, AUDIOMETRY BOOTH

After each client and at the end of each workday, all toys and non-porous surfaces must be wiped with sterile hospital-grade wipes. Surfaces should be wiped once, dry for a few seconds, and wipe again. Wipes are located in the cabinets or on the shelves in each of the therapy rooms.

HEARING AID ROOM

All tips and tools used for immitance, otoscopy, and hearing aid cleaning should be placed in the ultrasonic cleaner with fresh cleaning solution. Allow the machine to cycle and then place the tips in the Wavecide tray overnight. Before using, the tips must be rinsed in water and set out to dry.

OTHER EQUIPMENT

Any other equipment needing disinfection should be placed in a large plastic container that is labeled "soiled equipment". These items will be taken to the voice lab on the ground floor for further disinfection.