



Guidelines for Establishing and Maintaining a Diapering Station in an Evacuation Center

1. One station should be available for approximately every 12 diapered children.
2. Place the diapering station near handwashing facilities. If this is not possible, make a waterless hand gel product available at the diapering station, but place it out of the reach of children.
3. Diaper changing surface should be made of non-porous material.
4. Ideally, a rail or similar barrier should surround the diaper changing surface to help protect children from falls.
5. Provide disposable materials, such as paper towels or butcher paper, to cover the diapering surface before each use.
6. Provide baby wipes for child and diapering station clean-up.
7. Place a covered trash receptacle, preferably with a foot-operated opening mechanism, near the diapering area.
8. Keep paper towels and a disinfectant solution in a spray bottle at the diapering station, but out of the reach of children.
 - Disinfectant solution may be made by mixing 1/4 cup bleach in 1 gallon of water.
9. Post cleaning/disinfecting instructions at each station.
 - If evacuation center guests are responsible for cleaning and disinfecting the diapering stations after each use, train them in proper technique. A videotape entitled, "The ABC's of Childcare Development: Diapering" is available from CDC.

For more information, visit <http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters>, or call CDC at 800-CDC-INFO (English and Spanish) or 888-232-6348 (TTY).