



# Handwashing Observation Tool

As you observe the caregiver or child complete each step of the procedure, place a checkmark in the “yes” box. For each step that was missed or done incorrectly, check the “no” box and write a comment detailing what you observed. Use a new tool for each caregiver observed. Use the results of the observations to develop training for the child care program.

## During the Visit

Diaper Changing Procedure	Yes	No	Comments
1. All supplies are available including liquid soap and clean disposable towels Antibacterial liquid soap should not be used			
2. Turn on warm water Water temperature should not be colder than 60 degrees and no warmer than 120 degrees			
3. Wet hands in water			
4. Apply liquid soap			
5. Wash hands with soapy lather for at least 20 seconds - hands are not rinsed or placed in water during this time			
6. Rub top and inside of hands, under nails and between fingers			
7. Rinse hands under running water for at least 10 seconds – hands do not touch the faucet or surface of the sink or counter after this point			
8. Dry hands with clean disposable paper towel			
9. Turn the water off using the paper towel If multiple children are washing hands at the same time, the caregiver may wait to turn off the water until all children have finished washing hands			
10. Throw the paper towel away into a lined trash container Children are immediately removed from the handwashing area and not allowed to touch contaminated surfaces such as the sink or toilet			

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