

(b) Bottles and nipples from sick or suspect cases shall be sterilized before being returned to formula room or area.

(4) **TERMINAL STERILIZATION OF FORMULA AND FLUIDS.** Terminal sterilization of all formulas and fluids shall be accomplished by one of the following methods: (a) Minimum steam pressure of 7½ pounds for 10 minutes.

(b) In flowing steam at atmospheric pressure for 30 minutes.

(c) In a covered container of actively boiling water for 25 minutes.

(5) **REFRIGERATION.** Formulas shall be removed from sterilizer, allowed to cool at room temperature and stored in a refrigerator at a temperature of 40° until feeding time.

(6) **CULTURES.** (a) At least monthly routine culture shall be made on formulas at the time they are used for feeding.

(b) Report of cultures shall be kept on file.

(7) **READY-TO-USE FORMULAS.** Terminal sterilization and refrigeration shall not be required for ready-to-use infant formulas packaged and sterilized in sealed containers when such formulas are approved by the board for use in accordance with the methods recommended by the manufacturer.

History: Cr. Register, January, 1960, No. 49, eff. 2-1-60; cr. (7), Register, May, 1963, No. 89, eff. 6-3-63.

H 26.075 Nursery linens. (1) **SEPARATE HANDLING OF NURSERY LINEN.** Linen, blankets and garments used for newborn infants and uniforms and gowns worn in the nursery shall be handled separately from the general laundry.

(2) **STERILIZING NURSERY LINEN.** Nursery linens shall be sterilized at 250° F. for 10 minutes unless laundered in the hospital according to acceptable nursery laundry routine.

(3) **ACCEPTABLE NURSERY LAUNDRY ROUTINE.** (a) **Washing:**

No.	Operation	Water level	Temperature	Time
1.	Flush	10 in.	110° F.	5 min.
2.	Heavy suds	5 in.	125° F.	10 min.
3.	Heavy suds	3 in.	145° F.	10 min.
4.	Bleach (no soap)	5 in.	160° F.	10 min.
5.	Rinse	10 in.	160° F.	5 min.
6.	Rinse	10 in.	160° F.	5 min.
7.	Rinse	10 in.	160° F.	5 min.
8.	Rinse	10 in.	160° F.	5 min.
9.	Sour	3 in.	130° F.	5 min.
10.	Flush	10 in.	Cold	1 min.

(b) Garments shall be fluff dried in air heated to 165° F. for 20 minutes, or ironed by an ironing surface which is 330° F.

(c) Staff shall cover hair, wash hands with soap and running water, and put on a clean gown before removing nursery linen from dryer or ironer or when storing or otherwise handling nursery linen.

(d) Clean linen shall be wrapped in a freshly washed wrapper or sheet and transported in clean containers.

(4) **CULTURES.** (a) At least monthly routine cultures for pathogens shall be made on nursery linen when unwrapped at place of use.

(b) Report of cultures shall be kept on file.

History: Cr. Register, January, 1960, No. 49, eff. 2-1-60.

H 26.076 Referral to public health nurse—recommendation. It is recommended that all premature infants and other infants needing close supervision on discharge be referred to the public health nurse with the approval of the physician.

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