DIAPERING PROCEDURE

Preparation	Wash hands	Thoroughly with soap and warm running water for 15-20 seconds using posted procedure. Dry hands with paper towel.
	Assemble supplies (within reach)	 ✓ Clean disposable diaper. ✓ Disposable wipes or paper towels. ✓ Clean paper (roll paper or nonabsorbent paper sheets). ✓ Gloves, when used. ✓ Possibly: ointment, cotton swabs, clean clothes. Put ointment on a paper surface to avoid handling or contaminating the tube or container.
	Cover diapering surface	The paper needs to be the length of the child; have clean paper within reach.
	Put gloves on	See gloving recommendations per program policies.
Dirty Phase	Place child on diapering surface	 Keep one hand on child the entire time. Keep others away from diapering area. Remove child's clothing, put soiled clothing aside.
	Remove soiled diaper	Roll diaper inward. Place diaper directly into a covered waste container or out of child's kick space/reach.
	Cleanse diaper area of child	 Cleanse from front to back (once per wipe) including skin creases. Use the child's own disposable wipes or the three paper towel method (soap, rinse, dry). Place wipes in waste container or out of child's kick space/reach.
	Remove gloves	Place gloves in waste container or out of child's kick space/reach.
	Put clean paper under child	If soiled.
Clean Phase	Ointment, as directed	Use clean glove , swabs, or tongue blades to apply, remove glove.
	Diaper and dress child	gg
	Wash child's and provider's hands	Thoroughly with soap and warm running water for 15-20 seconds using posted procedure.
	Return child to activity	Staff returns to diapering area.
Clean Up	Dispose of soiled items	 Put soiled clothing, without rinsing, in a plastic bag for parent/guardian to take home. Put diaper, wipes, paper towels, changing paper, cotton swabs, and gloves into the plastic-lined waste container (foot operated is recommended.)
	Clean and disinfect	Diapering surface, waste container lid, faucet handles, and all surfaces touched.
	Wash hands	Thoroughly with soap and warm running water for 15-20 seconds using posted procedure.
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Communicate	Record	Diaper change. Concerns to parents (unusual color, odor, frequency, or consistency of stool; rash).

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