

UMATILLA MORROW EARLY HEAD START  
BOTTLE SANITIZING POLICY

**POLICY:** Staff will wash, rinse, sanitize and air dry bottles, nipples, rings, covers and pacifiers using appropriate procedures to ensure the health and well being of each child.

**PROCEDURE FOR SANITIZING BOTTLES, NIPPLES, RINGS, COVERS AND PACIFIERS:**

- § Remove the tape or label from the bottle and place in sink designated for dish washing or container labeled for used bottles. Bottles will be washed in morning, midday, and afternoon.
- § Wash bottles, rings, nipples, covers and pacifiers in sink designated for dishwashing using warm water and soap. Rinse all in clean water.
- § Place bottles, rings, nipples, covers and pacifiers in an approved commercial sanitizer for heat sanitation. Minimum water temperature of 171 degree F is required. If a commercial heat sanitizer is not available, bottles, nipples, rings and covers will be sanitized by placing in water that is at a full, rolling boil for 1-2 minutes.
- § After removing bottles, rings, nipples, covers and pacifiers from the commercial heat sanitizer or boiling water, allow them to air dry in a clean dish rack before using or storing.
- § Store bottles, rings, nipples, covers and pacifiers in labeled and covered containers in a cupboard.
- § When the nipples, pacifiers or bottles become worn in appearance, dispose and replace.