

2024 FCCERS-3 (page 25) Item #5 Meals/snacks - Based on new guidance from the resource *Caring for Our Children (CFOC)*, updated 09/2023, it is no longer required that the faucet be turned off with a paper towel. According to CFOC's updated notes, programs may turn off the faucet during handwashing to save water. Programs do not need to leave the water running because data has not shown that a significant number of germs are transferred between hands and the faucet. At the end of the procedure, faucets may be turned off with or without a paper towel depending on program requirements. Research has shown that using a paper towel to turn off the faucet does not improve health. A handout, *Diapering and Handwashing Procedure*, is available on the ERSI website, www.ersi.info and contains the complete handwashing procedure.

2024 FCCERS-3 (page 25) Item#5 Meals/snacks - If a mealtime is not observed during the 3 hours, indicators 1.1 and 1.2 should be scored, "yes." All other indicators related to nutrition, interactions and schedule should be scored, "no." Score indicators related to sanitation based on other observed sanitary practices if no sanitary practices related to meals take place during the 3-hour observation.

2024 FCCERS-3 (page 27) Item #6 Diapering/toileting - Based on new guidance from the resource *Caring for Our Children (CFOC)*, updated 09/2023, it is no longer required that the faucet be turned off with a paper towel. According to CFOC's updated notes, programs may turn off the faucet during handwashing to save water. Programs do not need to leave the water running because data has not shown that a significant number of germs are transferred between hands and the faucet. At the end of the procedure, faucets may be turned off with or without a paper towel depending on program requirements. Research has shown that using a paper towel to turn off the faucet does not improve health. A handout, *Diapering and Handwashing Procedure*, is available on the ERSI website, www.ersi.info and contains the complete handwashing procedure.

2024 FCCERS-3 (page 29) Item #7 Health practices - Based on new guidance from the resource *Caring for Our Children (CFOC)*, updated 09/2023, it is no longer required that the faucet be turned off with a paper towel. According to CFOC's updated notes, programs may turn off the faucet during handwashing to save water. Programs do not need to leave the water running because data has not shown that a significant number of germs are transferred between hands and the faucet. At the end of the procedure, faucets may be turned off with or without a paper towel depending on program requirements. Research has shown that using a paper towel to turn off the faucet does not improve health. A handout, *Diapering and Handwashing Procedure*, is available on the ERSI website, www.ersi.info and contains the complete handwashing procedure.

2024 FCERS-3 (page 55) Item #20 Nature/science, 3.1 - Change the current note to: This indicator specifies "at least 5 pictures, books, games or toys that represent nature realistically." Even if other appropriate nature/science materials are accessible, credit should not be given here since the item refers specifically to pictures, books, games, or toys that represent nature realistically.

2024 FCCERS-3 (page 59) Item #22 Appropriate use of screen time, 1.2 - If the use of screen time with children is very short and engaging to the children, no other activity is required to be accessible, and a score of NA can be given.

2024 FCCERS-3 (page 59) Item #22 Appropriate use of screen time, 3.2 - Remove "24 months and older" in the original Notes for Clarification in the actual scale.

2024 FCCERS-3 (page 59) Item #22 Appropriate use of screen time, 5.1 - Remove "24 months and older" in the original Notes for Clarification in the actual scale.