

Sanitation/Cleaning Information for Hearing Technology

Before checking hearing technology, be sure teachers and students wash their hands and/or wear gloves

When do we clean/disinfect student hearing technology?

1. Student's personal amplification (i.e. hearing aid(s), cochlear implant processor(s), BAHA) should be disinfected prior to performing a listening check or troubleshooting.
2. Remote Microphone Hearing Assistive Technology (RMHAT-FM/DM systems) will need to be disinfected between teachers and providers.
3. Equipment should be stored in a plastic container (with a hole for charging cord) when not in use. This container should also be sanitized each day. (An empty tennis ball container is one option for this as it's easy to transfer to providers, can fit the water holder in a backpack, and is easy to clean. Tupperware type containers or pencil boxes are also a good option).

How should we clean hearing technology?

1. Clear wax from the earmold, dome, or tubing.
2. Take the ear mold off (unless tubing is too hard) to clean mold (NOT hearing aid) with soap and warm water. Dry off mold and clear any tubing water with a blower.
3. Brush off the device with supplies that come with the equipment or a soft toothbrush.
4. Wipe down devices (hearing aid, FM/DM transmitters, lanyards, with an approved disinfectant. Be careful not to get buttons, mic ports, or any openings wet.
5. Dispose of cleaning supplies per your district protocol.

[How to Clean and Disinfect your Hearing Devices](#)

[How to Video for Classroom Teachers](#)

What should we use to disinfect hearing technology?

Water based or 70% isopropyl alcohol-based sanitizing wipes are recommended for most hearing technology. Be sure to double check the child's exact devices prior to using any cleaners or sanitizers.

- Phonak (Roger-there is a list of specific sanitizers): [Guideline - \(Covid-19\)](#)
- Cochlear: [Letterhead Template](#)
- Advanced Bionics: [Dear AB Family](#)
- Med-El: [Cleaning Your Audio Processor: Special Guidance Relating To COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\)](#)
- Oticon Remote Microphone:
<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=8bcfa6264a&attid=0.1&permmsgid=msg-f:1675914018196054356&th=17420aeb90ac6154&view=att&disp=inline>
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