

Keeping Toys Clean & Safe

Grown-ups are doing lots of work to help keep you safe right now, even though things might feel scary and there are many new changes.

What's something that's changed for you because of coronavirus?

You can help keep the grown-ups around you safe, too. Did you know that coronavirus and other yucky viruses and bacteria can live on your toys? It's true, and that's gross.

Since we are spending more time at home now, let's play a few games to help keep our toys clean and safe. There are 4 games we'll play together.

You will become an expert at keeping things clean and safe. Maybe you can teach a grown-up how to keep their important things clean and safe, too.

Game 1 → Sort Your Toys

In this game, we will sort your toys into two piles.



First pile is PLAY—toys you play with every day.

Second pile is KEEP—toys you **DON'T play with every day.**

1. Ask a grown-up for a box or bag you can use.
2. Put all your toys in one place. It's OK to make a mess right now!
3. The toys you want to PLAY with we'll use in the next game.
4. Put the toys you want to KEEP in the box or bag you got.
5. Ask a grown-up to put the toys you want to KEEP somewhere safe.

When you sort your toys, it might be fun to remember a time you played with a friend or someone in your family. What's special about each toy?

Game 2 → Make Your Toys Comfortable

In this game, we will take the toys you want to PLAY with and find a great spot for each of them. For example, if you have cars, you could make a garage. Or if you have video games, make sure there is a place to put your games and controllers.



Once you are done arranging your toys, ask for someone with a camera or phone to take a picture of you with the toys. Hang the picture nearby so you can remember how everything looks when it's in its spot.

Game 3 → Make Your Toys Sparkle

This is a simple game. Before you go to bed tonight, follow these steps:



1. Make your toys match the picture! Since you found a great place for each toy to be comfortable, put each toy where it belongs.
2. Clean each toy carefully. Thank the toy for being so fun and awesome. Ask a grownup for help finding a cleaning cloth, paper towel, or wipe to clean with.

Although this game is simple, it is the best way to keep your toys clean and safe. Cleaning each toy carefully is the best way to make sure coronavirus and other yucky stuff cannot live on your toys. *Is it easier to clean the toys after they are arranged and comfortable? I hope so!*

Game 4 → Do It Yourself & Help Others

Now you are an expert on keeping your toys clean and safe. This is awesome. *Can you keep doing this on your own?* Remember to play “Make Your Toys Sparkle” each day. Add it to your calendar. Make a poster so you remember to make toys sparkle before you go to bed.



Since you are an expert now, can you teach a grown-up to keep their important things clean and safe, too?