

Cleaning, Maintaining, and Repairing Breast Pumps

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Policy

Multi-User Breast Pumps that have been loaned, must be cleaned when returned, prior to re-issuing. Local agencies must send damaged pumps to the manufacturer for repair after receiving authorization from the SWO Breastfeeding Unit.

Purpose

To ensure that breast pumps are operable, in working condition and meet health standards prior to reissuing to another participant.

Procedures

At the time of returning the multi-user breast pump, the local agency will:

- I. Place returned multi-user pumps in clear bag and leave sealed for at least three days.
- II. Update multi-user pump's status within [Breast Pump Inventory Tracking System](#) as "Returned"; system will remain in "Needs Clean" status until the pump has been cleaned.
- III. Check the sealed bag after the three-day period.
- IV. If pest or smoke infested, keep the pump in the secure sealed bag and complete the "[Breast Pump Repair/Cleaning Request](#)" and return it to gawic.breastfeeding@dph.ga.gov for return authorization from the manufacturer and further instructions from the SWO.
- V. If free of pests and smoke, check the pump for damaged parts, clean the pump and assess the pump's pressure level. (Normal testing pressure ranges are from 50-250 mmHg). See [Cleaning, Maintaining, and Repairing Breast Pumps](#) p7.
- VI. If the pump is damaged, complete the "[Breast Pump Repair/Cleaning Request](#)" form and return it to [Gawic.breastfeeding@dph.ga.gov](mailto:gawic.breastfeeding@dph.ga.gov) for return authorization from the manufacturer and further instructions from the SWO.
 - A. Clean all visible parts with Cavicide on a clean cloth. (See [Cleaning, Maintaining, and Repairing Breast Pumps](#) pp30 & 31)
 - B. Breast pump pressure gauges are fragile; it is best practice is to keep the gauge attached to the testing flange.

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- VII. After the local agency has cleaned the pump and determined that it is in working order, they will seal pump in a clean, clear bag, dated and labeled as “clean” and Update SENDSS status to “Cleaned.”

- VIII. To repair Personal Double Pumps (PDPs), participant must call Medela at (800)435-8316.

- IX. Discard all used pump kits, Personal Double Pumps (PDPs), and Harmony manual pumps.

Authority

Georgia WIC Program Policy

Definitions/Supporting Information

(None)