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New Study Focuses on Health Dangers of Restaurant High Chairs

Hamilton, OH - October 26, 2010 -An October 2010 study finds that baby high chairs, such as those found in restaurants, harbor more bacteria than the average public toilet seat.

Testing high chairs in 30 different U.S. restaurants, researchers found that the average number of bacteria was 147 per square centimeter, compared to only 8 for a toilet seat.

"This is an amount that could lead to serious illness, especially because a baby's immune system is not as strong as an adult's," says John Richter, Technical Director for Kaivac, Inc., developers of the [Kaivac No-Touch Cleaning® System](#).

The bacteria uncovered included *E. coli*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, and *Enterococcus faecalis*, all of which can be health-threatening.

"Small children can be messy with food, with much of it ending up on high chairs," offers Richter. "The concern is [that] they touch the high chairs and then their mouths, resulting in possible cross-contamination."

The researchers said the amount of bacteria found on the high chairs varied, with concentrations as high as 1,200 bacteria per centimeter.

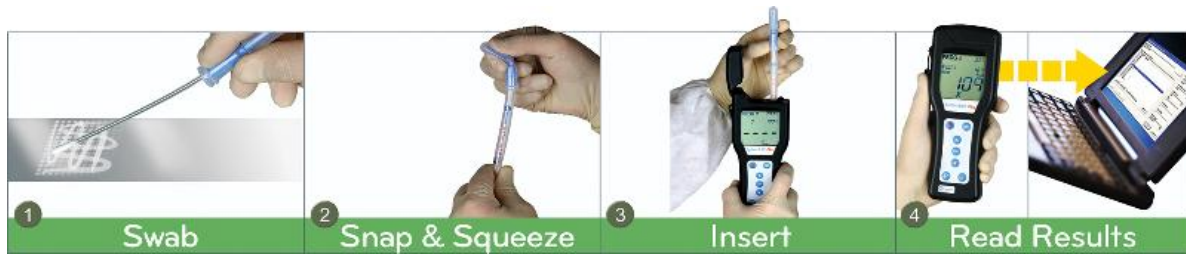
"Furthermore, although many of the high chairs *looked* clean, this did not necessarily mean they *were* clean (i.e., free of germs and bacteria)," Richter adds.

To help prevent the spread of contamination from restaurant high chairs, Richter suggests the following for parents:

- Visually inspect the high chair. If it looks soiled, do not accept it.
- Before use, ask a restaurant staffer to wipe the chair clean with a clean cloth or microfiber cloth and disinfectant.
- Clean the baby's hands regularly during the course of the meal.
- Tell the restaurant manager how important it is to keep high chairs bacteria-free, and encourage the restaurant to utilize an ATP rapid monitoring system.*

An [ATP rapid monitoring system](#) is often used to test surfaces for contaminants. A positive result can be a red flag that a potential contamination problem exists.

"This last item--use of an ATP system--is key," say Richter. "Knowledge is power when it comes to protecting health, especially a baby's health."



Using an ATP rapid monitoring system

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* ATP rapid monitoring system measures adenosine triphosphate (ATP), universal energy molecule found in all animal, plant, bacteria, yeast and mold cells

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