

COVID-19 ENHANCED SURFACE CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

Hygiene Practices

During the COVID 19 Public Health Emergency, enhanced cleaning and disinfection should be used on worksites to reduce the risk of disease transmission.

NOTE: *in the event a confirmed case of COVID-19 was present on site, a specialized biohazard remediation, abatement company should be contacted for professional disinfection.*

Clean and disinfect all frequently touched surfaces. This includes but is not limited to:

- table top
- control panels
- computer/keyboard/mouse
- door knobs
- light switches
- handles
- bathrooms
- steering wheels
- eating areas
- pens
- hoist gates
- stair railings
- first aid equipment

Cleaning and disinfection should be done as often as possible and at a minimum at the beginning of shift, before eating, between crew changes, end of shift.

Avoid sharing tools and pens. Disinfect any shared items before sharing.

CLEANING: Removes visible soiling (e.g. dust, soil). Cleaning removes rather than kills viruses and bacteria. It is done with water, detergents, and steady friction from cleaning cloth.

DISINFECTING: Kills viruses and bacteria. A disinfectant is only applied to objects, never on the human body. All visibly soiled surfaces should be cleaned before disinfection.

Most cleaning can be done using regular housekeeping best practices.

What products should be used for disinfection

- Household or commercial disinfection products (follow manufacturer's instructions for disinfection), or a bleach solution (1 part bleach and 9 parts water)
- Do not mix bleach with ammonia or any other cleaning product.



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During cleaning/disinfecting

- If the surface is dirty remove visible dust and debris and clean using detergent or soap prior to disinfection.
- Follow disinfection product manufacturer's instructions for disinfection.
- Wear nitrile or neoprene gloves while working with disinfectant products.

After cleaning/disinfection

- Wash hands with soap and water using proper handwashing procedures immediately after gloves are removed.
- All disposable materials must be placed into a leak proof garbage bag and sealed for disposal.

Housekeeping

- Regular housekeeping practices should be maintained in addition to enhanced surface cleaning/disinfection.
- Do not sweep dust, use a vacuum.
- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting surfaces. Gloves should be discarded after each cleaning. If reusable gloves are used, those gloves should be dedicated for cleaning and disinfection of surfaces for COVID-19 and should not be used for other purposes.

Surfaces

- If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- For soft (porous) surfaces such as carpets, rugs and drapes, remove visible contamination if present and clean with appropriate cleaners for these surfaces. After cleaning:
 - Launder items as appropriate in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. If possible, launder items using the warmest appropriate water setting for the items and dry items completely, or
 - Use products with the EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claims that are suitable for porous surfaces.



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