



COVID-19 ENHANCED SURFACE CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

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.

Clean and disinfect all frequently touched surfaces must be cleaned every 2 hours . This includes but is not limited to:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• tabletops	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• light switches
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• control panels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• handles
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• computer/keyboard/mouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• bathrooms
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• doorknobs	

Cleaning and disinfection should be done as often as possible and at a minimum at the beginning of shift, before eating, between crew changes and end of shift. Try to avoid sharing tools and pens. Disinfect any shared items.

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 (20 ml bleach per litre of water)
- Do not mix bleach with ammonia or any other cleaning products.

During cleaning/disinfection:

- 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.