

COVID-19, Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection

Routine cleaning and disinfection procedures are appropriate for COVID-19 in healthcare settings, including those patient-care areas in which aerosol-generating procedures are performed. Products

with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claims are recommended for use the virus that causes COVID-19. Super Sani-Cloth® Wipes, Sani-Cloth® AF3 Wipes, Sani-Cloth® Bleach Wipes, Clorox Healthcare® Bleach Germicidal Wipes and Oxivir® Tb Wipes meet the criteria for the EPA emerging viral pathogens claim.



Management of laundry, food service utensils and medical waste should also be performed in accordance with routine procedures (CDC, 2/6/2020).

When cleaning, focus on high touch areas including, but not limited to:

- Door, cabinet and drawer handles
- Radiology equipment, exam tables, bed rails, chairs
- Counter tops and sink handles
- Non-critical medical equipment, including reusable blood pressure cuffs and carts, thermometers, IV poles, pulse oximetry, EKG cords, etc.
- Educational models and equipment, clipboards and pens

Wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when performing cleaning procedures.

Follow manufacturer's instructions for use to determine dwell time of wipe being used to ensure disinfection has occurred.

References:

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/caring-for-patients-H.pdf>

PDI: <https://pdihc.com/tracking-2019-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/>

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