



## **Guidelines for cleaning and disinfection for SARS CoV 2**

- If possible, use dedicated medical equipment for patient care.
  - All shared medical equipment used for patient care should be cleaned and disinfected according to manufacturer's instructions and facility policies.
- Continue to manage laundry, food service utensils, and medical waste in accordance with routine procedures
- Refer to list N on the EPA website for EPA-registered disinfectants that have qualified under EPA's emerging viral pathogens program for use against SARS-CoV-2:  
<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for product use (e.g., concentration, application method, contact time, and PPE)
- Clean the surface first, and then apply the disinfectant as instructed. Ensure adequate contact time for effective disinfection
- Adhere to any safety precautions or other label recommendations (e.g., adequate ventilation in confined areas, proper disposal of unused product and appropriate PPE)
- After cleaning, removing and disposing of gloves, staff should perform hand hygiene
- Ensure that environmental cleaning and disinfection procedures are followed consistently and correctly.

## **Best practices for long-term care facilities:**

- Shared equipment: clean and disinfect after every resident use
- Dedicated equipment: clean and disinfect prior to storage
- Avoid applying products in a way that splashes or generates aerosols.
- Review cleaning and disinfection products and how to use them properly with floor staff and housekeeping
  - Ensure they understand the necessary contact time
  - Differences between porous and non-porous surfaces
- Room cleaning
  - Do daily cleaning
  - Also clean high touch surfaces every shift (door handles, bedside tables, bed rails, TV remote, call button, light switches)
- Facilities should consider assigning daily cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces to nursing personnel who will already be in the room providing care to the patient.
- Supervise cleaning activities and inspect cleaning periodically to ensure correct procedures are followed.

## **Resources:**

- EPA registered disinfectants effective against SARS-CoV-2: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2> .
- CDC IPC guidance for COVID- 19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/infection-prevention-control-faq.html>
- CDC environmental infection control in healthcare settings: [Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities](#) and [Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings](#) [section IV.F. Care of the environment].