

Tool 19: Enhanced Cleaning

Cleaning

Cleaning is the physical removal of foreign material such as dust, soil and/or organic material, including blood, secretions, excretions, and microorganisms. Cleaning is accomplished with water, detergents, and mechanical action.

Disinfection

Disinfection is the inactivation of disease-producing microorganisms using a hospital-grade disinfectant with a Health Canada approved Drug Identification Number (DIN).

Consult the Disinfectant Selection Guide

See [Tool 20](#) for information about disinfectants or access the PICNET Guidelines at: <https://www.picnet.ca/wp-content/uploads/British-Columbia-Best-Practices-for-Environmental-Cleaning-for-Prevention-and-Control-of-Infections-in-All-Healthcare-Settings-and-Programs.pdf>

Enhanced Cleaning

Enhanced Cleaning is increased cleaning of objects and surfaces that people touch with their hands to at least 2 times per day.

Minimum twice daily cleaning of the affected unit or Care Community. The first routine clean/disinfection of the day is undertaken followed by a second environmental clean/disinfection, 6-8 hours after the first clean. The second cleaning/disinfection focuses on frequently touched surfaces and areas on the unit and in the affected resident rooms on Droplet Precautions

Commonly touched things and surfaces include taps, toilet handles, doorknobs, railings, thermostats, phones, light switches, tables, chairs, rails, walkers, blood pressure cuffs, stethoscopes, otoscopes, canister lids, clipboards, PDA's, pens, keyboards, etc.

- See [Tool 13](#) for Respiratory Illness Infection Prevention and Control Signage
- Please ensure Enhanced Cleaning is in place for the duration of the outbreak
- Use Health Canada Approved hospital grade disinfectants

Follow cleaning and disinfection best practices:

- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) based on disinfectant SDS and when entering/cleaning the rooms of residents on Droplet/Contact precautions
- Work from clean to dirty; high to low areas. Clean rooms of unaffected rooms followed by rooms on Droplet/Contact Precautions
- Ensure there is a dedicated housekeeping cart for affected unit, which is not taken to other units/areas
- Follow Manufacturer's instructions for use (MIFU) on how to prepare, store and use cleaning and disinfection products

- Use a two-step process: first pass to clean the surface, followed by a second pass to disinfect the surface. If the disinfectant is validated by MIFU to be a disinfectant with cleaning agents, the same product can be used for both cleaning and disinfection, however, a two-step process must still be followed. Otherwise, use a pH-neutral cleaner followed by a disinfectant wipe
- Apply adequate friction to remove visible soil (cleaning) prior to disinfection of surfaces
- Ensure the surface remains wet for the disinfectant MIFU contact time

If a bucket of cleaning/disinfection solution is used, use fresh cloths for each resident space. Do not double dip the cloth in disinfectant solution

Isolation Discharge (Terminal) Cleaning/Disinfection:

A thorough cleaning and disinfection must occur in a resident room before Droplet/Contact precautions are discontinued on a resident or when a resident on Droplet/Contact precautions is discharged from the room. Remove and replace privacy curtains. Remove Droplet/Contact precaution signage after completion of cleaning.

Enhanced Cleaning Guidelines for RI/COVID Illness:

Frequently Touched Surfaces	Check off as completed
Cleaning agent to be used:	
1. Nursing Station:	
(a) Counters	
(b) Chairs	
(c) Light switches	
(d) Telephone(s)	
(e) Keyboard(s)	
(f) Nurse call monitoring system	
2. Medication Rooms:	
(a) Door (i.e., where hands commonly touch to push open)	
(b) Doorknob on entry and exit	
(c) Counters	
(d) Light switches	
(g) Sink	
3. Clean Utility/Storage Room:	
(a) Door and knob on entry and exit	
(b) Sink and counter	
4. Dirty Utility/Storage Room:	
(a) Door and knob on entry and exit	
(b) Sink and counter	
5. Staff Washroom(s):	

Frequently Touched Surfaces	Check off as completed
Cleaning agent to be used:	
(a) Sink basin and faucet	
(b) Toilet (lever/flush, horizontal surfaces, seat)	
(c) Floor	
(d) Soap dispenser	
(e) Paper towel dispenser	
(f) Light switch	
(g) Door and handles on entry and exit	
6. Staff Meeting Room(s):	
(a) Door and knob on entry and exit	
(b) Telephone	
7. Resident Common Areas:	
(a) Chairs and end tables	
(b) Kitchenette	
8. Hallways:	
(a) Mobile lifts	
(b) Resident doors and handles	
(c) Elevator buttons	
(d) Keypads	
(e) Handrails	
9. Resident Room Surfaces to be Cleaned:	
(a) Light switches	
(b) Bedrails	
(c) Bedside tables	
(d) Over-bed light	
(e) Over bed tables including framework	
(f) Bedside chairs	
(g) Wheelchair and/or walker	
(h) TV controller	
(i) Call button/ pull chord	
(j) Telephone	
10. Lavatory Surfaces:	
(a) Light switch	
(b) Safety – pull up bars	
(c) Faucets, sink, counter	
(d) Commode/toilet (lever/flush, horizontal surfaces, seat)	
(e) Door	

Frequently Touched Surfaces	Check off as completed
Cleaning agent to be used:	
(f) Floor	
11. Shelves and Items Handled Regularly	
12. Dedicated Laundry Hamper	
Employee Signature: _____ Date: _____ Time it took to complete: _____	
Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____	