

Housekeeping Quick Reference: Enhanced Cleaning During COVID-19

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- Wear a mask and eye protection at all times while in resident / tenant areas (including hallways).
- Wear gloves when doing housekeeping tasks (such as resupplying, cleaning, or moving items and equipment).
- When cleaning rooms on Isolation Precautions, follow the isolation protocol for putting on and taking off an isolation gown and gloves.



Clean the unit or facility at least 2 times a day.

Use approved cleaning and disinfecting products

1. First clean of the day (daily clean)
 - Clean and disinfect the unit or area.
2. Second clean of the day (enhance clean)
 - Done 6 to 8 hours after the first clean.
 - Clean and disinfect:
 - frequently touched surfaces and areas
 - resident / tenant rooms on Isolation Precautions

Use a 2-Step cleaning process every time

1. Clean the surface.
 - Use a cleaning solution or wipe to rub with enough pressure to remove visible stains, spills, and dirt on surfaces.
2. Disinfect the surface.
 - Use disinfectant wipes. If wipes are not available, use a cloth soaked in disinfecting solution.
 - Allow the surface to remain wet for the length of time stated on the maker's instructions. Allow to air dry.



Follow enhanced cleaning practices

- When using a bucket of cleaning and disinfecting solution:
 - Use fresh cloths for each resident / tenant space.
 - Start from clean to dirty areas and high to low surfaces.
 - **Do not** reuse a cloth in the solution (no double dipping).
- Use only one housekeeping cart on a COVID alert or outbreak unit. **Do not** take the cart to other units or areas.



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Examples of Frequently Touched Surfaces and Areas

Resident / Tenant Room		Facility Unit and Common areas	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Door knobs/handles • Light switches • Telephone • Alcohol-based hand-rub dispensers • Bed rails and bed controls • Bed-side tables • Over-bed tables • Over-bed light • Bedside chairs • TV controller • Call button/pull cord • Cupboard/drawer handles • Window sills • Drapery pull rod and cord handles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ceiling lift handles and controls • Mobility aid handles (e.g. wheelchair, walker, cane) • Medical equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - wall-mounted (e.g. suction, oxygen) - mobile (e.g. IV pole/pump, respiratory equipment) • Laundry hamper (top surface) • Bathroom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - handles/faucet, sink, counter - soap dispenser - grab bars - flush handle, toilet seat - paper towel dispenser 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Door knobs, handles, striker bars • Light switches • Telephones • Alcohol-based hand-rub dispensers • Elevator buttons • Access key pads • Handicap door buttons • Hand rails • Common areas (chairs, table tops, kitchenette) • Clean storage room sink and counter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soiled Utility Room sink and counter • Nursing / Care Team Station (counter, chairs, keyboards) • Medication room (sink, counter, outside surface of Pyxis machine) • Staff rooms • Staff washrooms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - handles/faucet, sink, counter - soap dispenser - flush handle, toilet seat - paper towel dispenser

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