



## 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. COVID-19 spreads through the respiratory droplets of an infected person. The virus can survive on different surfaces but can be killed by most cleaners and disinfectants.

**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. Clean and disinfect all frequently touched surfaces, at minimum, twice daily. This includes but is not limited to:

- table tops
- control panels
- computer/keyboard/mouse
- door knobs
- light switches
- handles
- bathrooms
- steering wheels
- pens
- hoist gates
- stair railings
- first aid equipment

Cleaning and disinfection should be done as often as possible and at a minimum at the beginning of shift, before eating, between crew changes, end of shift. Avoid sharing items such as tools and pens and, disinfect any items before sharing.

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 (1 part bleach and 9 parts water).
- Do not mix bleach with ammonia or any other cleaning product.

### 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.
- Use a vacuum, not sweep dusting, wherever possible.

**NOTE:** in the event a confirmed case of COVID-19 was present on site, a specialized cleaning company should be contacted for professional disinfection.