

# COVID-19 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 transmission.

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

Clean and disinfect all frequently touched surfaces. This includes but is not limited to:

- table tops
- control panels
- computer/keyboard/mouse
- door knobs
- light switches
- handles
- bathrooms
- steering wheels
- eating areas
- 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 tools and pens. Disinfect any shared items before sharing.

**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.

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.
- Do not sweep dust, use a vacuum.