

# COVID-19 Enhanced Surface Cleaning and Disinfection

During the COVID-19 pandemic, enhanced cleaning and disinfection should be used on worksites to reduce the risk of 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 and equipment railings
- first aid equipment

Cleaning and disinfection should be done as often as possible and at a minimum at the beginning and end of shift, before eating and between crew changes.

Avoid sharing tools and pens; disinfect before sharing.

**CLEANING:** Removes visible soiling (e.g., dust, soil); does not kill 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), 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.
- 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.