

Sample Cleaning Protocol Poster

Cleaning Surfaces for Infection Control for the Classroom and Custodians

Introduction

Schools have several types of surfaces that require *cleaning*; only some surfaces need *disinfecting*, depending on specific circumstances.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends regular cleaning as a prevention strategy against H1N1 (Influenza A), COVID-19, and other flu types and germs. Best practice is to clean touch points more frequently rather than disinfect them. Disinfectants are antimicrobial pesticides that can be toxic and pose a hazard to students and staff.

Unless specified, the following surfaces need to be cleaned only.

	<p>Desks, Work Tables, and Computer Keyboards – <i>Shared</i></p> <p>Products: An all-purpose cleaning product and a high-quality microfiber cloth. Keyboard covers are more easily cleaned than the keys.</p> <p>Recommended cleaning schedule: Routine: Clean daily. During outbreak of gastrointestinal illnesses or flu: Clean in between uses or after each group session.</p>
	<p>Desks, Work Tables, and Computer Keyboards – <i>Not Shared</i></p> <p>Products: An all-purpose cleaning product and a microfiber cloth.</p> <p>Recommended cleaning schedule: Clean daily or as needed.</p>
	<p>Cafeteria Tables and Floors</p> <p>Products: A cleaning detergent that removes dirt and allergenic protein matter, and high-quality microfiber cloths/mops (instead of a sponges, which are not recommended due to their potential to spread contamination).</p> <p>Recommended cleaning schedule: Clean after each use, before the next group arrives.</p>
	<p>Other Surfaces Touched by a Variety of Hands (<i>phones, light fixtures, stair railings, door knobs and push bars, elevator buttons, water fountains, etc.</i>)</p> <p>Products: An all-purpose cleaning product and a high-quality microfiber cloth.</p> <p>Recommended cleaning schedule: Routine: Clean daily. During outbreak of gastrointestinal illnesses or flu: Clean touch points in between classes or periodic events.</p>
	<p>Bathrooms, Showers, and Locker Rooms</p> <p>Products: A bathroom cleaner for all bathroom surfaces and facilities, and a disinfectant approved for broad-spectrum use with claims for fungi and methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>. Use disinfectant <i>only</i> on surfaces touched by a variety of people (sink and toilet handles, door knobs, toilet seat, soap and towel dispenser) and high-risk surfaces (shower room floors).</p> <p>Recommended cleaning and DISINFECTING schedule: Clean and disinfect daily.</p>
	<p>Floors in Classrooms and Hallways</p> <p>Products: A neutral floor-cleaning product specific to flooring material that removes dirt year-round and salt in the wintertime, and a microfiber mop.</p> <p>Recommended cleaning schedule: Clean daily.</p>