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RETURNING TO THE WORKPLACE: CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

Cleaning

- Wear disposable gloves to clean and disinfect.
- S Clean surfaces using soap and water, then use disinfectant.
- Cleaning with soap and water reduces number of germs, dirt, and impurities on the surface. Disinfecting kills germs on surfaces.
- Practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces.
 - More frequent cleaning and disinfection may be required based on level of use.
 - Surfaces and objects in public places, such as shopping carts and point-of-sale keypads, should be cleaned and disinfected before each use.
- High-touch surfaces include:
 - Tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.



Disinfecting

- Recommend use of EPA-registered household disinfectants. Follow the instructions on the label to ensure safe and effective use of the product. Many products recommend:
 - Keeping surfaces wet for a period of time.
 - Taking precautions such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.



- Diluted household bleach solutions may also be used if appropriate for the surface.
 - Check the label to see if your bleach is intended for disinfection, and ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Some bleaches, such as those designed for safe use on colored clothing or for whitening, may not be suitable for disinfection.
 - Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Leave solution on the surface for at least one minute.
 - To make a bleach solution, mix four teaspoons bleach per quart of water.
- Bleach solutions will be effective for disinfection up to 24 hours.
- Alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol may also be used.

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CLEANING AND DISINFECTING YOUR FACILITY IF SOMEONE IS SICK

- Sclose off areas used by the person who is sick.
 - Organizations do not necessarily need to close operations, if they can close off affected areas.
- Deen outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area.
- > Wait 24 hours before you clean or disinfect. If 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible.
- Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person who is sick, such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, shared electronic equipment like tablets, touch screens, keyboards, remote controls, and ATMs.
- > Vacuum the space if needed. Use vacuum equipped with high-efficiency particular air (HEPA) filter, if available.
 - Do not vacuum a room or space that has people in it. Wait until the room or space is empty to vacuum, such as at night, for common spaces, or during the day for private rooms.
 - Consider temporarily turning off room fans and the central HVAC system that services the room or space, so that particles that escape from vacuuming will not circulate throughout the facility.
- Once area has been appropriately disinfected, it can be opened for use.
 - Workers without close contact with the person who is sick can return to work immediately after disinfection.
- 🔊 If it has been more than 7 days since the person who is sick visited or used the facility, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary.
 - Continue routine cleaning and disinfection. This includes everyday practices that businesses and communities normally use to maintain a healthy environment.



When cleaning, wear disposable gloves for all tasks in the cleaning process, including handling trash.



After cleaning, wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.



If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol .

