



# COVID-19 and Seasonal Influenza: Interim Guidance for Health Care and Public Health Providers

## ENVIRONMENTAL INFECTION CONTROL

Cleaning Procedures for Specific Surface Types				
Surface Type	Examples	Products	Description of Cleaning	Additional Guidance
Hard (non-porous) surfaces	Countertops, bed rails, faucet handles, doorknobs, light switches, exam tables, handcuffs, keys, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Soap and water</li> <li>• Product from EPA List N</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean first (removing visible soil)</li> <li>• Then disinfect the surface</li> </ul>	Follow manufacturer's instructions for use, including appropriate ventilation
Soft (porous) surfaces	Straps, curtains	Product from EPA List N	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean first (removing visible soil)</li> <li>• Then disinfect the surface, per manufacturer's instructions</li> </ul>	
Electronic Devices	Tablets, touch screens, keyboards, and remote controls	Product from EPA List N (manufacturer approved)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean first (removing visible soil)</li> <li>• Then disinfect the surface</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider the use of wipeable covers</li> <li>• Consult the Information Technology Department prior to cleaning</li> </ul>
Laundry (Linen)	Sheets, towels, cloth facial masks, clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laundry soap</li> <li>• Warmest appropriate water setting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow manufacturer's instructions</li> <li>• Dry completely</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear appropriate PPE</li> <li>• Do not shake dirty laundry</li> </ul>
Food Service Items	Plates, utensils, cups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dishwashing soap</li> <li>• EPA registered disinfectant</li> <li>• Warmest appropriate water setting</li> </ul>	Use hot water or a dishwasher	Use disposable food service items if available
<p>*Staff should always adhere to appropriate personal protective equipment recommendations.            **Follow standard procedures for waste handling. Discard the used PPE in regular trash.</p>				

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