

Cleaning and Disinfection Protocols for ACPHS Research Spaces

Normal routine cleaning with soap and water removes dirt and some germs from surfaces and lowers the risk of spreading COVID-19 infection. Clean visibly soiled surfaces with soap and water before disinfection.

Disinfectants kill germs on surfaces further lowering the risk of spreading infection. Use only EPA-approved disinfectants or bleach solution prepared by adding 1/3 cup of bleach to 1 gallon of water. **BLEACH SOLUTION IS EFFECTIVE FOR DISENFECTION FOR 24 HOURS.**

Disinfectant wipes and Simple Green Pro 5 will be made available.

Store and use disinfectants according to the label. Do not mix bleach with other cleaning or disinfection products.

Always wear gloves appropriate for the chemicals being used when you are cleaning and disinfecting.

Wash your hands before starting work and when leaving the laboratory and always before donning and doffing gloves.

Frequently touched surfaces and objects should be disinfected at least three times daily: upon arriving at work, at mid-day and at the end of the workday. These include:

- Benchtops, desktops and tables
- Doorknobs and light switches
- Freezer, refrigerator and incubator handles
- phones and keyboards
- faucets and sinks

The following should be disinfected after each use:

- Small laboratory equipment including pipettes, gel boxes, tip boxes
- Equipment including control panels (centrifuges, shakers etc.)
- Handles and exterior surface of fume hoods and biosafety cabinets
- Shared equipment such as autoclaves, DI water units

Bench pads must be disposed of daily and the bench surface disinfected daily.

Dispose of face coverings and gloves not used in BSL2 operations in the touch-free trash bins that have been provided for this purpose. Dispose of full bin liners while wearing gloves by tying off the bag and placing them in the regular trash,

Continue to practice social distancing, wear facial coverings, and follow proper hygiene, such as washing your hands frequently and using alcohol-based (at least 60% alcohol) hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available. Use a paper towel to turn off the water at the sink.

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