

## Environmental Cleaning Procedure for COVID-19

**For all suspected or confirmed patients with COVID-19:** Dedicated medical equipment should be used for patient care.

- All non-dedicated, non-disposable medical equipment used for patient care should be cleaned and disinfected according to manufacturer's instructions and facility policies.
- In general, only essential personnel should enter the room of patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- Any PPE that will not be reused (gloves) should be removed upon leaving the room, immediately followed by performance of hand hygiene.
- Routine cleaning and disinfection procedures are appropriate for COVID-19 in healthcare settings including patient-care areas in which aerosol-generating procedures are performed.
- An EPA-approved product with an emerging viral pathogens kill claim should be used.
  - If there are no available EPA-approved products, products from the [CDC list N](#) of EPA registered products should be used according to label instructions. Adhere to the contact time (i.e., wet time) of the product.
  - Examples of EPA approved products include bleach, virex, virex+, oxycide, PDI Super-Sani cloths, and PDI bleach wipes.
- Management of laundry, food service utensils, and medical waste should also be performed in accordance with routine procedure.

*Routine evaluation and care of known or suspected COVID-19 patients. Does not include performance of any aerosol generating procedures, or nasopharyngeal swab collection.*

- Nurse should ensure the door signage is appropriate to communicate to the EVS staff/clinic staff that the room is ready for cleaning
- Wear surgical mask, gloves, gown, eye protection. Refer to door signage.

### Enhanced Precautions-Airborne

*If an aerosol generating procedure was performed, if the patient requires mechanical ventilation, or if they require >6L of oxygen, or if they require a nasopharyngeal swab collection.*

- Airborne Isolation signage will remain on the door until the appropriate time has passed
- After the appropriate time has passed, the nurse should update door signage to communicate to the EVS staff/clinic staff that the room is ready for cleaning
- Wear N95 mask or PAPR, gloves, gown, eye protection.
- Room should remain vacant for 60 minutes for regular room or COVID19 isolation room.
- Room cleaning may occur during this time.