

## Guidelines for Cleaning and Disinfection for APD Group and Foster Homes

- Ensure that individual medical equipment is not shared among residents
  - All medical equipment used for the resident should be cleaned and disinfected according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Continue to manage laundry, food service utensils, and medical waste utilizing normal universal precautions
- Refer to list N on the EPA website for EPA-registered disinfectants that have qualified under EPA's emerging viral pathogens program for use against SARS-CoV-2: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for product use (e.g., concentration, application method, contact time, and PPE)
- Clean the surface first, and then apply the disinfectant as instructed. Ensure adequate contact time for effective disinfection
- Adhere to any safety precautions or other label recommendations (e.g., adequate ventilation in confined areas, proper disposal of unused product and appropriate PPE)
- If gloves are available, staff should thoroughly wash hands after removing gloves
- Ensure that environmental cleaning and disinfection procedures are followed consistently and correctly

### Best practices for APD Group and Foster homes

- Shared equipment: clean and disinfect after every resident use
- Dedicated equipment: clean and disinfect prior to storage
- Avoid applying products in a way that splashes or generates aerosols
- Review cleaning and disinfection products and how to use them properly with all residential staff
- Room cleaning
  - Do daily cleaning
  - Also, clean high touch surfaces every shift (door handles, bedside tables, bed rails, TV remote, call button, light switches)
- Homes should consider assigning daily cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces to specific staff
- Supervise cleaning activities and inspect cleaning periodically to ensure correct procedures are followed

### Additional Resources:

- EPA registered disinfectants effective against SARS-CoV-2: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>
- CDC IPC guidance for COVID- 19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/infection-control/infection-prevention-control-faq.html>
- CDC environmental infection control in healthcare settings: [Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities](#) and [Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings](#) [section IV.F. Care of the environment]