COVID-19 and Best Cleaning Practices

An Overview of COVID-19 Cleaning and Disinfection in Facilities
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COVID-19 is a Lipid Virus or “Envelope Virus”

Lipid Virus

- Surrounded by envelope of lipoprotein
- Envelope is relatively sensitive
- Generally, easily inactivated by many types of disinfectants
  - Alcohols, such as ethanol or 2-propanol
  - Can be killed by disinfectants that are viricidal against enveloped viruses
Aerosol (airborne) form up to 3 hours
Cardboard up to 24 hours
Plastic up to 72 hours
Stainless steel up to 48 hours
Copper up to 4 hours
What inactivates COVID-19?

- Products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claims are expected to be effective against SARS-CoV-2 based on data for harder to kill viruses.
- Enveloped viruses are easier to inactivate.
- As of today, NO product has a direct claim.
- Test methods have yet to be developed.
How is COVID-19 transmitted?

- Close contact, within 6 feet, via respiratory drops
- Transmission from surfaces (fomites) has not been documented
- Scientists say there is a lot to learn, but suspect transmission is similar to SARS-CoV from 13 years ago
Proper Terminology
Cleaning, Sanitizing, Disinfecting, and Sterilizing
### Commercial Cleaning Terminology

- **Cleaning**: Removes germs - doesn’t kill them
- **Sanitizing**: Reduces contaminants to safe levels of 99.9% (no viral or fungi control)
- **Disinfecting**: Destroys pathogens/microorganisms (viral and fungi control up to 99.9999%)
- **Sterilizing**: Renders a product free of all forms of viable microorganisms
- **Contact time**: Time a disinfectant is in direct contact with the surface or item to be disinfected
Clean First, Then Disinfect

Best practices for cleaning facilities with COVID-19 in mind
BEST PRACTICES

Protect Your Cleaning Crews

- Follow CDC for recommended PPE
- In uninfected areas*:
  - Masks provided to each team member, not yet mandatory
  - Gloves
  - Eye protection
- In known case areas and during deep cleaning/disinfecting:
  - Masks (N95), gloves
  - Eye protection
  - Tyvek suits

*as of April 6, 2020
▪ Best practice measure for prevention of COVID-19 and other viral respiratory illnesses in community settings.

▪ If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

▪ Routinely clean all frequently touched surfaces in the workplace, such as workstations, countertops, and doorknobs.

▪ Use the cleaning agents that are usually used in these areas and follow the directions on the label.
BEST PRACTICES

Cleaning High Touch Areas

- Appliance Exteriors
- Cabinet Pulls & Drawer Handles
- Elevator Buttons
- Door Handles & Light Switches
- Keyboard & Mouse
- Copier & Printer
- Desks & Tabletops
- Telephones
- Sink, Faucet & Toilet Handles
- Handrails
BEST PRACTICES

Carpet

- Vacuum
- Pre-treatment with disinfectant and allow minimum dwell time
- Cleaning & extraction
- Rapid dry with a room dryer
BEST PRACTICES

HEPA Type Vacuums

- Use HEPA type filters for containment of any air exiting the system.
- COVID virus is 125nm or equivalent to 0.125 microns.
- Our HEPA products clean the air to 0.03 Microns at 99.97% (HEPA Guidelines)
- Our vacuums actually help to reduce the virus in the air through the filtration process.
Thank You

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