

# COVID-19 - Enhanced Surface Cleaning and Disinfection

During the COVID 19 Public Health Emergency, enhanced cleaning and disinfection should be used on worksites to reduce the risk of disease transmission.

**NOTE:** in the event a confirmed case of COVID-19 was present on site, a specialized biohazard remediation, abatement company should be contacted for professional disinfection.

Clean and disinfect all frequently touched surfaces. This includes but is not limited to:

• Cell Phones	• Bathrooms
• Gates and latches	• Steering wheels
• Table-tops	• Eating areas
• Control panels	• Pens
• Computer/keyboard/mouse	• Hoist gates
• Doorknobs and Handles	• Stair railings
• Light switches	• First aid equipment
• Barriers between workers or customers	• Other frequently touched surfaces

Cleaning and disinfection should be done as often as possible and at a minimum at the beginning of shift, before eating, between crew changes, end of shift

Avoid sharing tools and pens. Disinfect any shared items before sharing.

**CLEANING:** Remove visible soiling (e.g., dust, soil). Cleaning removes rather than kills viruses and bacteria. It is done with water, detergents, and steady friction from cleaning cloth.

**DISINFECTING:** Kills viruses and bacteria. A disinfectant is only applied to objects, never on the human body. All visibly soiled surfaces should be cleaned before disinfection.

Most cleaning can be done using regular housekeeping best practices

## What products should be used for disinfection:

- Household or commercial disinfection ... bleach solution of 1 teaspoon (5 mL) per cup (250 mL) or 4 teaspoons (20mL) per litre (1000mL) equivalent to 1000ppm. - [Health Canada](#)
- Do not mix bleach with ammonia or any other cleaning product

## During cleaning/disinfection:

- If the surface is dirty remove visible dust and debris and clean using detergent or soap prior to disinfection.
- Follow disinfection product manufacturer's instructions for disinfection.
- Wear nitrile or neoprene gloves while working with disinfectant products

## After cleaning/disinfection:

- Wash hands with soap and water using proper handwashing procedures immediately after gloves are removed.
- All disposable materials must be placed into a leak proof garbage bag and sealed for disposal

## Housekeeping:

- Regular housekeeping practices should be maintained in addition to enhanced surface cleaning/disinfection
- Do not sweep dust, use a vacuum