

Environmental Cleaning Recommendations

Regular Rooms:

- Patients who are suspect or positive for COVID-19 are placed on Droplet/Contact precautions with Eye Protection. Environmental Service (EVS) associates don mask, gown, gloves, and eye protection to clean rooms. For patients who are in a negative pressure room, then an N95 should replace the surgical mask.
- Rooms are cleaned per isolation room cleaning standard operating procedures including cleaning these rooms last, using a new mop head/floor cloth with each room, and separate cleaning cloths for each room.
- EPA hospital approved disinfectants are used for room cleaning making note of contact time (kill time) as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Portable HEPA filtration units are used for infectious diseases using an Airborne mode of transmission (TB, Measles, Varicella) and are not required in the room for COVID + or suspect patients unless an aerosol generating procedure (AGP) has been performed in a non-negative pressure room. Units that may experience a AGP include 8MCE, 8CCT, Adult ED, PICU, 5C, and Peds ED.
- After an AGP, run the HEPA filtration unit 2 hours prior to or during cleaning based on the CDC table of air exchanges. EVS associates wear gown, gloves, eye protection and an N-95 respirator to clean the room.

Ambulatory Clinic Rooms:

- Patients who are suspect or positive for COVID-19 are placed on Droplet/Contact precautions with Eye Protection. Environmental Service associates don mask, gown, gloves, and eye protection to clean rooms.
- Routine room cleans for exam rooms
- AGPs are rarely performed in an ambulatory setting, but if performed, leave the room vacant for 2 hours after the patient leaves. EVS associates should wear all required PPE including N-95 respirators during this time.

Common Areas

- EVS cleans lobbies, waiting areas, public restrooms, cafeterias, doctor's lounge, conference rooms and all major touch points (elevator buttons, door handles, etc.). These areas are cleaned three times daily on first shift, twice on 2nd shift, once on third shift.
- EVS cleans unit-based common areas (nursing stations, nutrition areas, staff restrooms) twice daily

Perioperative Services:

- Non-suspected/non-confirmed COVID-19 patient after any procedure including AGP→ Standard cleaning
- Suspect or confirmed COVID-19 patients:
 - Room must stay empty (no patients) for 30 minutes after procedure (based on the number of air exchanges)
 - Rooms are cleaned per isolation room cleaning standard operating procedures including cleaning these rooms last (when possible), using a new mop head/floor cloth with each room, and separate cleaning cloths for each room.
 - Perioperative support staff will don mask, gown, gloves, and eye protection to clean the rooms.
 - EPA hospital approved disinfectants are used for room cleaning making note of contact time (kill time) as recommended by the manufacture.