

QUICK GUIDE:

FOR HEALTHCARE FACILITY DISINFECTION

Given the highly contagious nature of some pathogens, guidance has been developed and promoted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for environmental cleaning in areas including healthcare settings. As the pandemic continues to evolve, it is vital to be aware of guidelines and best practices, and to stay vigilant in cleaning and disinfecting protocols.



BASICS IN ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING



Environmental cleaning procedures should be based on the risk of pathogen transmission which is evaluated by:

- + Likelihood of contamination.
- + Vulnerability of the patients to infection.
- + Potential for exposure (i.e., high-touch vs low-touch surfaces).

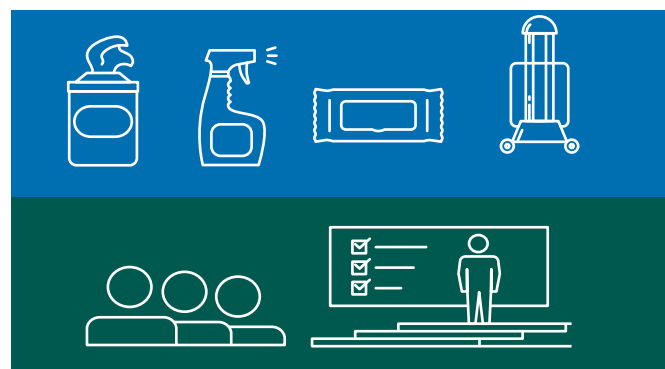
These three elements combine to identify low, moderate, and high risk to determine cleaning frequency, method, and process in routine and contingency cleaning schedules for all patient care areas.

For more information, review the CDC's best practices for environmental cleaning¹.

Best Practices for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Places.

In addition to determining risk protocols, healthcare and other community settings should also follow these best practices to keep public areas clean and safe:

- + Use an EPA-registered product following the label instructions for use.
- + Ensure compatibility of the cleaner/disinfectant to the surfaces/equipment that it is being used on.
- + Perform compliance checks on the process that has been implemented and provide timely feedback to the individuals performing the cleaning.
- + Train and educate your staff on the importance of cleaning and disinfection, including the risk of pathogens, regardless of pandemic status.



For more tips and information on how to keep your patients and staff safe please read our full article about **Environmental Pandemic Cleaning** at pdihc.com/environmental-pandemic-cleaning. You can also scan here



REFERENCE
¹<https://www.cdc.gov/hai/prevent/resource-limited/cleaning-procedures.html>