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How to Clean & Disinfect to Slow the Spread of the Flu

Cleaning and disinfecting are part of a broad approach to preventing infectious diseases. To help slow the spread of influenza (flu), the first line of defense is getting vaccinated. Other measures include covering your mouth when coughing and sneezing, washing your hands or using hand sanitizer. Also, when feeling ill, keep away from others. Below are tips on how to slow the spread of flu specifically through cleaning and disinfecting.

1. Know the difference between cleaning and disinfecting

Cleaning removes germs, dirt, and impurities from surfaces or objects by using non-residual cleaners such as PCS Micro-

clean and microfibre cloths. This process does not necessarily kill germs, but by removing them, it lowers their numbers and the risk of spreading infection. Disinfecting works by using chemicals and cleaning agents to kill germs on surfaces or objects. This process does not necessarily clean dirty surfaces or remove germs. However, by killing germs on a surface after cleaning, it can further lower the risk of spreading infection.

2. Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that are touched often

Follow your building's standard procedures for routine cleaning and disinfecting. Typically, this means daily cleaning of surfaces and objects that are touched often, such as desks, countertops, doorknobs, computer keyboards, hands-on learning items, faucet handles, phones, and toys. Some buildings may require disinfecting these items daily. Standard procedures often call for disinfecting specific areas, like bathrooms. PCS disinfectant wipes are a great choice for these procedures because they are quick, effective, and easy to

use.

Immediately clean surfaces and objects that are visibly soiled. If soiled with body fluids or blood, use gloves and other standard precautions to avoid coming into contact with the fluid. Remove the spill, and then clean and disinfect the surface.

3. Simply do routine cleaning and disinfecting

It is important to match your cleaning and disinfecting products to the types of germs you want to remove or kill. Most studies have shown that the flu virus can live and potentially infect a person for only 2 to 8 hours after being deposited on a surface. It is not necessary to close the building to clean or disinfect every surface in the school/office/etc. to slow the spread of flu.

Flu viruses are relatively fragile, so standard cleaning and disinfecting practices are sufficient to remove or kill them. Special cleaning and disinfecting processes, including wiping down walls and ceilings, frequently

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using room air deodorizers, and fumigating, are not necessary or recommended. These processes can irritate eyes, noses, throats, and skin, aggravate asthma, and cause other serious side effects.

4. Clean and disinfect correctly

Always follow label directions on cleaning products and disinfectants.

Use disinfecting wipes on electronic items that are touched often, such as phones and computers. Pay close attention to the directions for using disinfecting wipes. It may be necessary to use more than one wipe to keep the surface wet for the stated length of contact time. Make sure that the electronics can withstand the use of liquids for cleaning and disinfecting.

Routinely wash eating utensils in a dishwasher or by hand with soap and water. Wash and dry bed sheets, towels,

and microfiber cloths with PCS laundry cleaner as it is a non-residual that rinses clean. Eating utensils, dishes, and linens used by sick persons do not need to be cleaned separately, but they should not be shared unless they've been washed thoroughly. Wash your hands with soap and water after handling soiled dishes and laundry items.

5. Use products safely

Pay close attention to hazard warnings and directions on product labels. Cleaning products and disinfectants often call for the use of gloves or eye protection. For example, gloves should always be worn to protect your hands when working with bleach solutions.

Do not mix cleaners and disinfectants unless the labels indicate it is safe to do so. Ensure that custodial staff and others who use cleaners and disinfectants read and understand all instruction labels and

understand safe and appropriate use. This might require that instructional materials and training be provided in other languages.

6. Handle waste properly

Follow your building's standard procedures for handling waste. Place no-touch waste baskets where they are easy to use. Throw disposable items used to clean surfaces and items in the trash immediately after use. Avoid touching used tissues and other waste when emptying waste baskets. Wash your hands with soap and water after emptying waste baskets and touching used tissues and similar waste.

7. Learn more

Contact your local Wesclean rep for more tips and tricks to beat the flu season this winter!

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Winter Floor Care Must-Have's



The winter season can be hard on your floors, especially high traffic areas like entrances and pathways. It is important to clean your floors more often and with more rigor in the winter time to prevent dangerous salt and calcium build up, floor finish erosion, and slippery areas. The Hurricane floor dryer and EnviroStar Green all purpose neutralizer can help!



Hurricane Cordless Floor Dryer

The Hurricane floor dryer is cordless, rechargeable, and runs up to 8 hours on a replaceable battery pack. The Hurricane decreases your floor drying time by up to 90% by drying floors 360° around the drying unit and up to 15' in diameter (177 sq ft). The hurricane safety cone can be stacked for easy storage and transport, and comes with a 1 year warranty.

\$486.72

EnviroStar Green All Purpose Neutralizer

Using EnviroStar Green All Purpose Neutralizer as part of your regular cleaning routine 1-2 times a week this winter season is an excellent way to remove ice melt calcium films that can be tracked into your building and damage floor surfaces. Dilution: 1:64.

4 x 3.78L

\$57.86

Get the Most Out of Your Hand Sanitizer

The availability of hand sanitizer should be predicated on ease of use, such as putting dispensers where they will be recognized and used. However, it can be challenging to find a location that maximizes occupant visibility while adhering to building safety codes. It is a good idea to place sanitizer in places where there is high traffic. Places where there are many cases of interaction such as office buildings, hospitals, schools, shopping plazas, hotels, and grocery stores are great places to have hand sanitizer dispensers. Having them in a place where there's lots of foot traffic is a great way to keep the hands clean. For instance, many hospitals are now placing dispensers next to check-in desks, medication carts, nurse's stations, outside patient rooms, and inside patient rooms next to soap dispensers. Retailers often place hand sanitizer next to carts and self-check-outs, as well as in back offices and food handling areas. Finally, it is always wise to place hand sanitizers near restroom doors, as they are receptacles for germs.



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Wesclean's Order Consideration Checklist

Location Number:

Name:

Ship To Address:

Ship To City:

Postal Code:

Province:

Account Number:

Item	Name	Qty	Unit Of	Item	Name	Qty	Unit Of
Entrance Items				Floor Care Cont.			
	Matting	_____	EA		Maintainers	_____	EA
	Ice Melt	_____	EA	Carpet Care			
	Ash Trays	_____	EA		Cleaners	_____	EA
Tools					Deodorizers	_____	EA
	Wet Mops	_____	EA		Spotters	_____	EA
	Dust Mops	_____	EA	Restroom Care			
	Brooms	_____	EA		Toilet Tissue	_____	EA
	Wipers	_____	EA		Paper Towel	_____	EA
	Cloths	_____	EA		Bowl Cleaners	_____	EA
	Scrapers	_____	EA		Air Fresheners	_____	EA
Plastics					Window	_____	EA
	Garbage Bags	_____	EA		Descalers	_____	EA
	Waste Containers	_____	EA		Disinfectants	_____	EA
	Carts	_____	EA	Equipment			
	Mop Buckets	_____	EA		Vacuum	_____	EA
	Floor Signs	_____	EA		Polishers	_____	EA
Floor Care					Autoscrubbers	_____	EA
	Strippers	_____	EA		Carpet	_____	EA
	Neutralizers	_____	EA		Steamers	_____	EA
	Detergents	_____	EA		Sweepers	_____	EA
	Finishes	_____	EA		Parts/service	_____	EA

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