

Assessment of Current COVID-19 Prevention Activities

Appropriate Cleaning/Disinfection of Equipment and the Environment



According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- There is currently no data available on stability of 2019-nCoV on surfaces. Data from laboratory studies on SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV have shown that stability in the environment depends on several factors, including relative temperature, humidity and surface type.
- Appropriate cleaning and disinfection of the environment and equipment is an essential strategy for reducing Coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Coronavirus can be found throughout a room like light switches, doorknobs and bedside tables.
- Nursing homes should have educational programs, policies and procedures that outline schedules and responsibilities for cleaning practices.
- Nursing homes should monitor adherence to procedures, evaluate effectiveness of cleaning and keep staff informed of the results.

Current surveillance activities:

SECTION 1. Knowledge and Competency				
		YES	NO	N/A
	General: Do direct care personnel* know			
Q1	Appropriate use of personal protective equipment when handling and disposing of soiled materials according to Standard Precautions? CDC Operational Considerations for PPE Shortages			
Q2	How to clean and disinfect equipment that is shared between residents? CDC Cleaning and Disinfecting Equipment (See list of potential equipment in Appendix)			
	Environmental services* personnel know			
Q3	How to use personal protective equipment (e.g., gowns, gloves) when cleaning a room of a resident with known COVID-19? CDC Healthcare Infection Control for COVID-19 FAQs			
Q4	The difference between cleaning and disinfection? CDC Cleaning and Disinfecting Environmental Surfaces			
Q5	To follow manufacturers' instructions for use of cleaners and disinfectants? CDC Cleaning and Disinfecting Environmental Surfaces			

SECTION 2. Infection Prevention Policies and Infrastructure				
		YES	NO	N/A
Q1	Is there a policy for using an EPA-registered disinfectant with COVID-19 when cleaning the room of a resident with known CDI? EPA Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2			
Q2	Is there a process to communicate with environmental services personnel when a resident is suspected or known to have COVID-19?			
Q3	Are there procedures and schedules in place for daily cleaning when a resident with COVID-19 stops occupying a room (resident moves, is discharged or dies)? CDC Environmental Checklist for Monitoring Terminal Cleaning			
Q4	Are there policies and procedures in place for the cleaning and disinfection of equipment used by residents with known COVID-19?			
Q5	Are the responsibilities for cleaning/disinfecting equipment used by residents with COVID-19 well defined between direct care personnel and EVS personnel?			

Q6	If environmental services are provided by a contracting company, are those individuals aware of and following the nursing home's policies for cleaning and disinfecting the room of a resident with COVID-19?			
Q7	Are environmental services personnel available 24/7? If not, who is trained/responsible for cleaning during the off hours and do they have access to the appropriate supplies?			
SECTION 3. Monitoring Practices				
Great Plains QIN Infection Control Auditing Tool				
Great Plains QIN Infection Control Auditing Tool EXAMPLE				
		YES	NO	N/A
Q1	Does your nursing home monitor the adequacy of room cleaning by EVS personnel on a regular basis?			
Q2	Is there a method to track room and equipment cleaning/disinfection according to schedule?			
Q3	Does your nursing home monitor that direct care personnel appropriately clean/disinfect equipment before using it for the next resident?			

***Direct care personnel** – All persons interacting with and/or providing hands-on care for residents

***Environmental services** - Also known as housekeeping services

Appendix

<p>List of Equipment to add to surveillance/audit list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident lifts, lift slings and other transfer devices such as slide boards • Whirlpool tub/shower • Commodes • BP cuffs, thermometers, pulse oximeter, stethoscope • Pumps-infusion, tube feeding, etc. • Oscopes, ophthalmoscopes, other diagnostic equipment • Portable oxygen tanks/machines • IPAD/other shared electronic devices • POC testing such as blood glucose machines • Treatment machines such as shared nebulizer, continuous passive motion (CPM) machine, etc. • Equipment in therapy rooms • Scales • Mobile testing units in house such as portable X-ray machines • Reusable ice packs and heating devices • Walkers, canes, other assistive devices • Activities-book on tape, music devices, etc. 	<p>Priority Resident Room Cleaning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bed rails/controls • Tray table • Call box/button • Telephone • Chair • Sinks • Light switches • Handrails • Toilet • Bedpans • Door handles
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