

AGC Biologics Requirements for Routine Cleaning and Cleaning / Disinfecting of Potentially Coronavirus Contaminated Areas

Cleaning requirements must be reviewed with all cleaning contractors to ensure appropriate methods are followed and cleaning/disinfecting agents used.

ROUTINE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANING

- Routinely clean all frequently touched surfaces in the workplace, such as workstations, countertops, stair rails, doorknobs, light switches, sinks, handles, coffee and microwave areas (including touch displays) etc. Use the cleaning agents that are usually used in these areas and follow the directions on the label.
- No additional disinfection beyond routine cleaning is recommended at this time.
- Provide disposable wipes so that commonly used surfaces can be wiped down by employees before each use.

CLEANING AND DISINFECTION OF OFFICES AND WORK AREAS OF PERSONS UNDER INVESTIGATION (PUI) OR THOSE WITH CONFIRMED COVID-19

This guidance provides recommendations on the cleaning and disinfection of offices and work areas of persons under investigation (PUI) or those with confirmed COVID-19. This is aimed at limiting the survival of the virus. Current evidence suggests that novel coronavirus may remain viable for hours to days on surfaces made from a variety of materials. Cleaning of visibly dirty surfaces followed by disinfection is a best practice measure for prevention of COVID-19 and other viral respiratory illnesses in households and community settings.

Cleaning refers to the removal of germs, dirt, and impurities from surfaces. Cleaning does not kill germs, but by removing them, it lowers their numbers and the risk of spreading infection.

Disinfecting refers to using chemicals to kill germs on surfaces. This process does not necessarily clean dirty surfaces or remove germs, but by killing germs on a surface after cleaning, it can further lower the risk of spreading infection.

AREAS TO BE CLEANED

Clean and disinfect all high-touch surfaces daily in the person's office and common areas frequented by the employee. This includes tables, hard-backed chairs, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, sinks, and coffee and microwave areas (including touch displays).

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING SURFACES

- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting surfaces. Gloves must be discarded after each cleaning. Clean hands immediately after gloves are removed to remove any pathogens that might have been transferred to bare hands during the removal process. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- For disinfection, alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol may be used or EPA-registered products expected to be effective against COVID-19 based on data for harder to kill viruses. These are available at: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-03/documents/sars-cov-2-list_03-03-2020.pdf
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for appropriate concentration, application method and contact time. Go to the product label and follow the directions for use against the listed organism. If there are multiple organisms listed, use the longest contact time, and if applicable, the highest concentration.
- For soft (porous) surfaces such as carpeted floor, rugs, and drapes, remove visible contamination if present and clean with appropriate cleaners indicated for use on these surfaces. At list of products is available at: <https://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf>