

COVID 19 Policy #2

Sanitizing and Disinfecting Policy

Purpose:

To ensure that proper sanitation and disinfecting is taking place daily and prior to new cohorts using a shared space.

Application:

This policy applies to all students, participants, teachers, instructional assistants, staff, visitors, volunteers and directors.

Definitions:

1. **Sanitizing:** Means to reduce the amount of microorganisms like bacteria, viruses, and fungi on a surface after it has been cleaned. The sanitizer used must reduce the number of bacteria to the level that is deemed safe by the public health standards.
2. **Disinfecting:** To disinfect means to kill specific viruses and pathogens on a surface using a disinfectant. These cleaning agents must kill 99.99% of infectious bacteria, viruses, and fungi within a 5-10 minute period. It is recommended to disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
3. **Cleaners:** Removes germs, dirt, and impurities from surfaces or objects. Works by using soap/detergent, water and friction to physically remove dirt and germs from surfaces.
4. **Cohorts:** a group of students and the staff member/s who is assigned to them. Cohorts remain together for the duration of the day.
5. **Personal protective equipment:** equipment worn to minimize exposure to hazards that cause serious workplace injuries and illnesses; i.e. gloves, masks, aprons

Procedures:

Always wear disposable gloves for all tasks in the cleaning process, including handling trash.

- Additional personal protective equipment (PPE) might be required based on the cleaning/disinfectant products being used and whether there is a risk of splash.

Areas that will require sanitizing and disinfecting include high touch areas and surfaces that will need to be sanitized using AHS recommendations for sanitizing solution (bleach/water)

- Tabletops
- Toys
- Desk Surfaces
- Kitchen countertops
- Light switches
- Door knobs
- Sink taps
- Toilet handles
- Hooks/handles
- Chairs

Cleaning classrooms will occur after each class - midday and at the end of the day

- All surface areas used for eating must be sanitized before and after all meals/snacks
- Students and teachers must bring their own personally labeled water bottles

Disinfecting at the end of each day and between cohorts.

- All classrooms and common areas must be disinfected at the end of each day and between cohort groups
- All high touch areas must be disinfected in the following areas prior to the new cohort entering the space:
 - i. Classroom
 - ii. Washroom
 - iii. Bootroom
 - iv. Kitchen
 - v. Toys/Materials

7. Wash your hands after cleaning is complete with soap and water for 20 seconds.

- Gloves and gowns should be removed carefully to avoid contamination of the wearer and the surrounding area.
- Place gloves directly in trash.
- Always wash hands immediately after removing gloves.

References: Current as of 06/08/2020 based on the most recent guidance from regulatory authorities.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/disinfectants/covid-19.html>

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/assets/info/ppih/if-ppih-ncov-2019-staff-faq.pdf>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>

<https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Alberta/Pages/cleaning-sanitizing-kitchen-toys-surfaces.aspx>

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