

Infection Control

Cleaning/Housekeeping Protocols

To reduce the transmission and spread of COVID19 in a community, the following protocols are best practices that need to be implemented in each community.

- Gloves must be worn at all times while cleaning an apartment or common area
- Wash hands before putting gloves on (donning) and after removing gloves (doffing)
- Gloves should be changed when visibly soiled and after cleaning an individual resident apartment before going to the next apartment
- Use separate or disposable cleaning cloths for each individual resident apartment
- If two residents share an apartment, use separate cloths for each of their private living spaces
- Use a separate cleaning or disposable cloth when cleaning the resident bathroom area (toilet, sink, shower) that is different than the cloth used to clean the living space (bedroom, living room, kitchen countertop)
- Use disposable toilet bowl cleaners-
- Do not use brooms unless the resident has their own personal broom. They are not to be shared between resident apartments
- Use a swifter or equivalent for cleaning floor areas in resident apartment which can be removed and discarded immediately after use. Use a separate covering for each
- Have extra red bags on the housekeeping cart in case they come across a body fluid that needs to be discarded
- Institute a mid-day cleaning protocol
 - All dept heads are responsible for a certain area of the community to clean for 15 minutes each day at 3 different times during the day
 - Schedule a set time each day for cleaning to occur. For example, between 2-3 o'clock.
 - Email COVID team what mid-day cleaning protocol the community decides to implement
- Continue having overnight staff to clean and disinfect all common areas
- Packages to stay outside of the community and are only dropped off and not brought inside until packages are disinfected before being brought into the community
- Control the number of people entering the community at the same time, when possible.
- Residents laundry is done separately
- Be sure to change the vacuum bag and filter regularly
- If possible, use dedicated medical equipment for resident care.
 - All shared medical equipment used for resident should be cleaned and disinfected.
 - Dedicated equipment: clean and disinfect prior to storage

- Clean the surface first, and then apply the disinfectant as instructed. Ensure adequate contact time for effective disinfection
- Avoid applying products in a way that splashes or generates aerosols.
- Review cleaning and disinfection products and how to use them properly with all team members
 - Ensure they understand the necessary contact time
 - Differences between porous and non-porous surfaces
- Apartment cleaning
 - Do daily cleaning of residents who are in isolation or positive for COVID19
 - Clean high touch surfaces (door handles, bedside tables, bed rails, TV remote, call button, light switches)
- Supervise cleaning activities and inspect cleaning periodically to ensure correct procedures are followed.



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