DISINFECTING DURING COVID-19:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

What we know from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is that COVID-19 is primarily spread through airborne person-to-person transmission:

• Through large droplets expelled in sneezes and coughs
• Through smaller aerosolized droplets, as from conversations, during which saliva spray can linger in the air
• Less through touching surfaces

It’s still important to disinfect surfaces. When an aerosol-producing event has occurred, here are the best practices, based on what we know today:

• Give a fresh mask to the sick person and escort them to the appropriate isolation location.
• Close the door to the location where the aerosol occurred for 30 minutes.
• Wear gloves, mask and protective eye gear when cleaning the room. Wash hands well after cleaning.
• Clean all hard surfaces with an EPA-approved cleaner (or cleaner approved by REM), wet enough so that it has the appropriate dwell time of 2-3 minutes, or wash in soapy water and dry.
• Spray any soft surfaces that cannot be wiped down with an EPA-approved spray (or a spray approved by REM).
• Ventilate the space well.

Continue:

• Washing your hands
• Cleaning surfaces as you would normally
• Practicing social distancing

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