

# COVID-19 ENHANCED SURFACE CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

## Hygiene Practices

During the COVID 19 Public Health Emergency, enhanced cleaning and disinfection should be used on worksites to reduce the risk of disease transmission.

Clean and disinfect all frequently touched surfaces. This includes but is not limited to:

- door handles (inside &out)
- control panels/HMI screens
- switches
- toggles
- levers
- seatbelts
- control buttons
- steering wheels
- mirrors
- hand brakes
- block gates (high touch areas)
- radio controls
- crew pickups (high touch areas)
- windows

Cleaning and disinfection should be done as often as possible and at a minimum at the beginning of shift, between crew changes, end of shift.

Avoid sharing tools and pens. Disinfect any shared items before sharing.

**CLEANING:** Removes visible soiling (e.g. dust, soil). Cleaning removes rather than kills viruses and bacteria. It is done with water, detergents, and steady friction from cleaning cloth.

**DISINFECTING:** Kills viruses and bacteria. A disinfectant is only applied to objects, never on the human body. All visibly soiled surfaces should be cleaned before disinfection.

## What products should be used for disinfection

- Household or commercial disinfection products (follow manufacturer's instructions for disinfection), or a bleach solution in a spray bottle (1 part bleach and 9 parts water)
- Do not mix bleach with ammonia or any other cleaning product.



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## During cleaning/disinfecting

- If the surface is dirty remove visible dust and debris and clean using detergent or soap prior to disinfection.
- Follow disinfection product manufacturer's instructions for disinfection.
- Spray the disinfectant on a cloth and wipe the surface. Do not spray the disinfectant directly on equipment or screens.
- Wear nitrile or neoprene gloves while working with disinfectant products.

## After cleaning/disinfection

- Wash hands with soap and water using proper handwashing procedures immediately after gloves are removed or use hand sanitizer.
- All disposable materials must be placed into a leak proof garbage bag and sealed for disposal (Zip Lock bags work well to seal soiled materials).

## Housekeeping

- Regular housekeeping practices should be maintained in addition to enhanced surface cleaning/disinfection.
- Keep your cab clean and free of clutter.
- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting surfaces. Gloves should be discarded after each cleaning. If reusable gloves are used, those gloves should be dedicated for cleaning and disinfection of surfaces for COVID-19 and should not be used for other purposes.

## Cleaning/Sanitation Kit

- Bucket or container to hold supplies
- Water proof gloves & safety eye wear
- Cloth, rags or disposable towels
- Disinfectant or bleach solution in spray bottle (1 part bleach to 9 parts water)
- Clean water
- Large Zip Lock bags (for disposal or soiled cleaning cloth)



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