

Environmental Cleaning of Patient Room with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19

In general, only essential personnel should enter the room of patients with COVID-19.

Daily Cleaning

1. Daily routine cleaning and disinfection should be performed by nursing personnel who will already be in the room providing care to the patient. The surface should be cleaned with an EPA registered disinfectant. After cleaning, disinfect by wiping down the surface and allowing for the surface to remain wet for the appropriate contact time. It is recommended that the workstation on wheels remain outside the patient room and accessed only after removal of PPE and hand hygiene. If it is used during the care of a patient, please clean and disinfect the workstation per instructions above.
2. If this responsibility is assigned to EVS personnel, they should wear all recommended PPE (medical mask, gown, gloves and eye protection) while in the room. PPE should be removed upon leaving the room, immediately followed by performance of hand hygiene.

After discharge, terminal cleaning may be performed by EVS personnel.

1. EVS personnel should refrain from entering the vacated room until sufficient time has elapsed for enough air changes to remove potentially infectious particles **IF** an aerosol generating procedure (AGP) has been performed immediately prior to discharge. If no AGP performed immediately prior, then there is no wait time necessary. ACTION: Observe red sign on door: follow instructions to delay entry until appropriate time. Please refer to TB policy <http://rghsportal/Policies/IP16.pdf> for more information on timeframe for air exchanges.
2. After this time has elapsed, EVS personnel may enter the room and should wear a gown and gloves when performing terminal cleaning. A facemask and eye protection should be added if splashes or sprays during cleaning and disinfection activities are anticipated or otherwise required based on the selected cleaning products. Shoe covers are not recommended at this time for personnel caring for patients with COVID-19.
3. Thoroughly clean/disinfect surfaces using EPA registered disinfectant, allowing surfaces to remain wet for appropriate contact time.
4. Remove privacy curtains and place in bag for laundering.
5. If available, use UV light disinfection after all surfaces have been cleaned.
6. Management of medical waste should be performed in accordance with EVS policy and procedures.