**COVID-19 CLEANING PROTOCOLS FOR VACATED ROOMS**

Prior to a COVID-19+ person utilizing a room, consider reducing the amount of porous, non-launderable, surfaces through the use of slip covers and mattress pads to simplify cleaning

*Per CDC guidance: https://bit.ly/2y4Ta70*

**AIR OUT AREA**
Leave area open to outside air for at least 24 hours prior to cleaning or ensure adequate time to allow for at least 8 air exchanges (for protection of cleaner)
- CDC COVID-19 recommendations are for 24 hours, but CDC infection control guidance recommends 8 air exchanges for general infection control
- https://bit.ly/2xu7jdA

**WEAR GLOVES & GOWNS**
Cleaner should wear gloves and gown at minimum
- CDC makes no mention of respiratory protection, but recommended if COVID-19 positive individuals are still present in the area
- https://bit.ly/2xu7jdA

**LAUNDERABLE ITEMS**
- Remove carefully and do not shake to minimize possibly virus dispersal
- Wash in warmest appropriate water and dry completely
- Disinfect any hampers or carts used to transport laundry

**POROUS SURFACES**
Porous surfaces that can’t be laundered (carpet, drapes, etc) spray surface with EPA-approved product

**NON-POROUS SURFACES**
Pay special attention to high-touch surfaces: light switches, bed rails, door handles, sink handles, toilets, etc.
- Clean surfaces of visible dirt with standard detergent/soap
- Disinfect with
  - 70% or more alcohol solution
  - Diluted bleach (5Tbs/gallon or 4tsp/quart)
  - Ensure bleach isn’t expired
  - Equivalent to a 1:9 dilution of 5% concentrated liquid bleach (per WHO guidance)
- EPA-approved product
- Ensure surface stays wet for 10 minutes

**AFTER CLEAN-UP**
PPE should be properly removed to reduce risk of self-contamination
- Gloves and gowns should be removed carefully after cleaning the room to avoid contamination of the wearer and the surrounding area.
- Remove gloves first, then wash your hands
- If worn, remove your face mask, and wash your hands again

**REPORT BREACHES**
Cleaning staff should immediately report breaches in PPE (e.g., tear in gloves) or any potential exposures to their supervisor

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**
Per CDC: COVID-19 was detected up to 17 days after Covid+ person vacated a cruise ship room, but prior to disinfections

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