## 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](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  

### 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  

### 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

### LAUNDERABLE ITEMS

- Remove carefully and do not shake to minimize possible 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

### 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