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## Enhanced Cleaning and Disinfection Protocols

### Enhanced Cleaning and Disinfection

The SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19 is easily inactivated (killed) by common household disinfectants. The virus may survive several hours to days in the environment depending on the surface. However, there is very limited information available on the survival of the virus on some surfaces and environments. For the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, even in the absence of confirmed cases, school-wide cleaning and disinfection should be routine. The CDC guidance will provide detailed instructions.

**In response to any case of COVID-19 in the school**, all rooms/areas that the case(s) visited should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected

- Close off areas used by the case(s), if possible.
- Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation.
- Wait up to 24 hours or as long as possible before you clean or disinfect to allow respiratory droplets to settle.
- Clean and disinfect all the areas visited by the case(s), such as school buses, classrooms, bathrooms, offices, and common areas.
- Start with areas of a lower likelihood of contamination, moving to areas with highly contaminated surfaces (for example, frequently handled items). This includes cleaning rooms of non-affected areas of the school before rooms where the case(s) were present.
- Focus on objects that are frequently touched, such as doorknobs, light switches, bathroom sink and flush handles, desks, chairs, lockers, and playground structures.

**In response to a school outbreak**, increase the frequency of cleaning and disinfection in the entire facility, including bathrooms and common areas. Continue this enhanced cleaning and disinfection schedule until the outbreak is over.

### Enhanced Routine Cleaning Protocols

- The District will use a variety of scientifically proven products. When rooms are vacant, an electrostatic spray disinfectant and sanitizer will be utilized.
- “High touch points” will be frequently wiped by custodial staff, classroom teachers, and in some cases, students.
- Common restrooms will be disinfected twice in the morning, twice in the afternoon, and once in the evening.

### Additional Protocols

- Limit the sharing of common objects and supplies.
- Teach and reinforce proper hand washing techniques.
- Encourage and make time for more frequent hand washing techniques.