UW Medicine COVID-19 EVS Room Cleaning

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**PURPOSE:** CLEANING PROTOCOL FOR ALL SITES PROVIDING CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH KNOWN OR PENDING COVID-19 DIAGNOSIS

**AMBULATORY SITES:** STANDARD-CONTACT-DROPLET PRECAUTIONS

- No downtime of room is required
- Treat cleaning per Droplet/Contact Precautions protocol (same as influenza)
  - Droplet/Contact = surgical mask, goggles/face shield, gloves, and gown
- Use bleach with appropriate contact/dwell time
- Room can re-open when dry
- Double bag waste into red biohazard bags and process in normal medical waste stream

**INPATIENT UNITS following discharge:** STANDARD-CONTACT-DROPLET PRECAUTIONS

- Unit staff strips room and cleans per per facility protocol and packages garbage
- No downtime of room is required
- Treat cleaning per Droplet/Contact Precautions protocol (same as influenza)
  - Droplet/Contact = surgical mask, goggles/face shield, gloves, and gown
- Use bleach with appropriate contact/dwell time
- Room can re-open when dry
- Category B waste per COVID-19 waste removal checklist.
- Room can reopen

**INPATIENT UNITS following discharges:** AIRBORNE RESPIRATOR/CONTACT PRECAUTIONS

- Unit staff strips room and cleans per facility protocol and packages garbage
- Down Times:
  - Standard process: close room for 1 hour prior to cleaning and maintain Airborne Respirator/Contact Precautions for cleaning. If cleaning is needed prior to the 1 hour in order to facilitate rapid turnover, maintain Airborne Respirator/Contact Precautions for cleaning.
- Use bleach with appropriate contact/dwell time
- Room can re-open when dry
- Category B waste per COVID-19 waste removal checklist.
- Room can reopen

**ED OPEN BAYS**
- No downtime of room is required
- Treat cleaning per **Droplet/Contact Precautions** protocol (same as influenza)
  - Droplet/Contact = surgical mask, goggles/face shield, gloves, and gown
- Use standard cleaners (e.g. quaternary/“purple top”) with appropriate contact/dwell time
- Room can re-open when dry
- Double bag all waste and process in normal medical waste stream

**ED PRIVATE ROOMS**

- USE INPATIENT PROTOCOL ABOVE

**LINEN AND CURTAINS**

- Do not throw linen and curtains in biohazard.
- Linen and curtains should be **double bagged** using normal linen bags.

**Additional reminders for EVS staff**

- N95s should not be worn if not fit tested in the last year. This includes personal masks.
- Practice good hand hygiene and remind others to as well.
- If you are unsure about what PPE to use do not hesitate to ask.
- Do not double mask.