

Cleaning & Sanitization Best Practices

ServiceMaster by Gaudet

Considering the health scare we are all presented with, ServiceMaster by Gaudet wanted to share some information we hope you will find helpful. We have been contacted by many towns and schools in the area with questions on protocol regarding preventative and post contamination cleaning. Laid out below are some helpful guidelines we are following for both preventative and post contamination cleaning.

Prior to confirmed virus exposure, one of the most important things we all can do right now is do our part to help slow the spread of this virus. Many states and local governments have taken steps to put advisories in place, but what should you do if your department/team is still operating? One of the best things is hourly sanitization of “high-touch” surfaces. Doorknobs, light switches, cell phones, mailboxes, trash receptacles, water fountains, keyboards & mice and stair rails are examples of what should be cleaned. We have a High Touch Cleaning Checklist that is very helpful to post throughout your facilities that includes about 30 items/areas that should be routinely sanitized throughout the day. Please email Luke Morris lmorris@svmgaudet.com if you would like a copy.

Now what should be done if there is confirmed virus exposure or even a confirmed case in one of your staff members? Although ServiceMaster by Gaudet has access to EPA registered products that may not be as accessible to the general public, we cannot 100% guarantee that sanitization with these products will completely eradicate the virus simply because there are so many things still to be learned about the virus. That being said, we have a cleaning system that has proven to be very effective in similar cases and followed up with routine sanitization of high touch surfaces should add a heavy layer of precaution and prevention. Details below...

Cleaning for Exposure Situations (Confirmed COVID-19 case)

1. Provide necessary and appropriate security and containment for each specific property type.
2. Wear appropriate PPE for personal protection and as directed by the product label.
 - These include:
 - a. Full body covering (moisture resistant)
 - b. Respiratory protection: full face preferred, if using a half face, eye protection must be added.
 - c. Eye protection, if not wearing full face respirator. Safety goggles with an added face shield covering, to protect exposed skin.
 - d. Double gloves, sealed to protect suit (taped at wrist on outer layer)
 - e. Medical grade, disposable, nitrile gloves (inner layer) ii. Chemically resistant nitrile (outer layer)
3. Utilize appropriate EPA registered product
 - Follow label directions for required dwell time

- Employees working in teams of 2 – 3 monitoring each other for work related stress and other safety concerns.
- 4. Working from high-to-low, clean-to-dirty, wipe all horizontal and high touch surfaces (light switches, door knobs, hand rails, etc.) using micro-fiber cloths or disposable cloths.
- 5. Spray disinfectant on all surfaces to ensure coverage of product.
- 6. Inspect surfaces after cleaning and ensure adequate product contact time per label.
- 7. Move to next location as a team and repeat process.
- 8. All equipment that was used (HEPA vacuums, sprayers, buckets, etc.) must be wiped with disinfectant to prevent cross contamination.

If your teams are tackling this themselves, we hope these guidelines will help keep everyone safe and result in a well sanitized facility. We are able and ready to help with anything you may need. We understand that this is a stressful time. If we can use our expertise to help take routine cleaning and sanitization off your plate, please let us know!

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