



Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedures during COVID-19

Note: the following procedures are in accordance with the BCCDC's Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedures for Public Settings, the Provincial Covid-19 Health and Safety Guidelines for K-12 settings and the Work Safe BC Guidelines for Education (K-12) Protocols for Returning to operation.

1.0 Introduction

Regular cleaning and disinfection are essential to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 from contaminated objects and surfaces. CSF schools will be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with the BCCDC's Cleaning and Disinfectants for Public Settings document (see below).

2.0 Cleaning products

For cleaning, the CSF will use water and detergent (e.g. liquid dishwashing soap), or common, commercially available cleaning wipes, along with good physical cleaning practices (i.e. using strong action on surfaces). For hard-to-reach areas, use a brush and rinse thoroughly prior to disinfecting.

For disinfection, The CSF will use common, commercially available disinfectants such as ready-to-use disinfecting wipes and pre-made solutions (no dilution needed). Refer to the Cleaning and Disinfectants for Public Settings Guidelines for additional information.

3.0 Cleaning and disinfection frequency

The following frequency guidelines must be adhered to when cleaning and disinfecting schools:

General cleaning and disinfecting of the premises **at least once in a 24-hour period**. This includes items that only a single student uses, like an individual desk.

In addition to the cleaning and disinfecting of the premises, **cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces at least twice in 24 hours**, including at least once during regular school hours.



Frequently touched surfaces include:

- Doorknobs, light switches,
- Hand railings,
- Faucet handles,
- Toilet handles,
- Tables, desks and chairs used by multiple students,
- Water fountains,*
- Shared equipment (e.g. computer keyboards and tablets, glassware and testing equipment for science labs, kitchen equipment for culinary programs, etc.),
- Appliances (staff and students can share the use of appliances and other objects, but treat items like microwaves, refrigerators, coffee pots, photocopiers or laminators as frequently touched surfaces),
- Service counters (e.g. office service window, library circulation desk).

**Water fountains can continue to be used, as access to water should not be restricted. Students and staff should be encouraged to use personal water bottles. If using water fountains, students and staff should practice hand hygiene before and after use, and should not place their mouth on the fountain. Water fountains should be cleaned as a frequently touched item.*

4.0 Other cleaning procedures to follow

- Clean and disinfect any surface that is visibly dirty as needed.
- Empty garbage containers daily.

Note: No additional cleaning and disinfecting procedures are required when different learning groups use the same space or when the composition of a learning group changes at the end of a school term, beyond the cleaning and disinfecting procedures that are normally implemented, and the guidelines outlined above.



5.0 Cleaning and disinfecting bodily fluids

Follow these procedures, when cleaning and disinfecting bodily fluids (e.g., runny nose, vomit, stool, urine):

- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning blood or body fluids.
- Wash hands before wearing and after removing gloves.
- Follow regular health and safety procedure and regularly used PPE (e.g., gloves, Kevlar sleeves) for blood and bodily fluids (e.g. toileting, spitting, biting).