

Coffee with Infection Prevention & Control Questions & Answers on Cleaning & Disinfection

1. *Are cleaning/disinfectants evaluated for environmental sustainability and chemicals of concern?*

Environmental sustainability is new but definitely a consideration and is something we are actively looking at.

All cleaning and disinfecting products provided by VCH are Health Canada approved and vetted through procurement.

2. *What is the best process to clean something like a printer that is used by an entire office (i.e. what do we use and how often)?*

Use a healthcare approved wipe to clean and disinfect high touch surfaces at least once per day. Hand hygiene is more important than wiping down the touch screen – if everyone has clean hands the touch screen should remain clean.

3. *I work in an admin area and our workspace doesn't seem to be cleaned regularly. Are admin areas supposed to be cleaned regularly? We are cleaning and disinfecting nonetheless.*

This would depend on where your office is located (i.e. in acute, ambulatory, community) so it makes it difficult to comment.

Depends what you mean by being cleaned regularly. Your personal workspace should be cleaned by yourself regularly. If your common areas are visibly soiled you should ask for it to be cleaned but we cannot speak to regular cleaning schedules.

4. *Is IPAC actively working with business or providing education to non-medical employees?*

No, this is out of scope. If businesses have questions or concerns they should contact Public Health.