

	Enhanced Cleaning in Contracted and Private Long Term Care and Assisted Living
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Site Applicability

All Vancouver Coastal Health owned, operated and contracted Long-Term Care and Assisted Living providers.

Scope of Practice

Site Leadership
Environmental Services staff

Procedure

Enhanced daily clean is an initial daily clean of surfaces with an additional clean of high touch surfaces 6-8 hours following initial clean.

An initial daily clean requires using a two-step [cleaner/disinfectant](#) that is effective for the targeted organism.

Process for Requesting Enhanced Cleaning

Contracted and Private Sites:

- ICP will advise the site leadership to implement enhanced cleaning.
- ICP will advise site leadership when the enhanced cleaning can stop.

High touch surfaces that require enhanced cleaning include
Resident Room
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doors, door handles, push plate and touched areas of frame • Walls if visibly soiled (clean if required) • Light switches • Fingerprints and soil from low level interior glass partitions, glass door panels, mirrors and windows. Use glass cleaner • All furnishings and horizontal surfaces in the room including chairs, windowsill, and other tables or desks. Lift items to clean the tables. • Waste bins • Floors
Resident Bathroom



- Door handle, frame and light switch
- Chrome wall attachments
- Inside and outside of sink, sink faucet and mirror; wipe plumbing under sinks and dry fixtures
- All dispensers and frames
- Support railings, ledges/shelves
- Shower/tub faucet including walls and railings. Scrub as required to remove soap scum, inspect grout for mold; rinse and wipe dry
- Waste can
- Toilet: First the handle, then entire toilet including the seat riser and underside of flush rim

Nursing Area:

- Counters
- Telephone(s)
- Chairs
- Keyboard(s)
- Light Switches
- Pager, cell phone, keys
- Hand washing sink
- Computer charts/ screens

Staff Room (s):

- Door and knob on entry and exit

Resident Common Areas:

- Tables
- Chair armrests
- Countertops
- Appliance handles
- Light switches
- Doorknobs
- All sinks including faucet handles

Hallways:

- Doors and Handles
- Elevator buttons
- Key pads
- Handrails

Other:

- Shelves and items handled regularly
- Garbage can
- Dedicated Laundry Hamper



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