

## CLEANING AND DISINFECTION IN COMMUNITY SETTING

### What is it?

- Cleaning is the physical removal of dirt, dust, soil, blood, secretions or other germs from a surface.
- Cleaning is required prior to disinfection.
- Disinfection is the killing of disease-producing germs by using a product that has disinfectant in it. Some products have both cleaners and disinfectants in them.
- Cleaning and disinfection is important to reduce the spread of infections in community shelters.

### Recommended Schedule:

Area	Method	Frequency
Spills/fecal/vomit/urine/blood accidents	Clean and disinfect	Immediately
Diapering areas	Clean and disinfect	After each use
Bathrooms	Clean and disinfect	Daily and as necessary
Bathtubs-Showers	Clean and disinfect	After each use
Resident rooms, Living room	Clean and disinfect hard surfaces	Weekly and as necessary
Bedding	Wash	Weekly and as necessary
Walls	Clean	Yearly and as necessary
Upholstered furniture	Clean (i.e., steam clean)	Yearly and as necessary
Carpets	Vacuum	Weekly and as necessary
	Steam clean	Yearly and as necessary
Mattresses, pillows, bedframes	Clean	Yearly and between occupants

Note: Always read product labels as they will indicate the intended use of the product. Labels will also indicate the correct dilution and contact time for the product to work properly.

For further information regarding cleaning and disinfection, please contact the Environmental Health Program at 705-474-1400 or 1-800-563-2808, ext. 5400.

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