

Additional Precautions Discharge Cleaning & Disinfection in Community Settings Safety Huddle

Who is qualified to complete room cleaning and disinfection?

Designated health care providers familiar with routine practices (hand hygiene, point of care risk assessment (PCRA), personal protective equipment (PPE), and waste management).

What is cleaned?

While wearing appropriate PPE, as indicated by the Additional Precautions sign and PCRA, clean and disinfect ALL high- touch and horizontal surfaces, and medical equipment in the room.

How are items cleaned & disinfected?

Clean all surfaces using the **two-step process** with the additional tips in mind:

- Clean from cleanest area to dirtiest area, and from top to bottom to prepare surfaces for disinfection by removing organic material and ensure effective disinfection.
- Never use the same surface of a cloth to wipe more than one object.
- Use a new cloth for each room.
- Use separate cloths for clean and dirty tasks.

Continue wearing PPE, as indicated by the Additional Precautions sign or PCRA, until room has been fully cleaned and disinfected. For airborne precautions, wear a fit-tested N95 until air clearance time has lapsed (2 hours after the patient leaves).

When to remove Additional Precautions sign?

After the Additional Precautions Discharge Clean and Disinfection is completed.



Discussion topics

What is the difference between Contact and Contact Plus Precautions?

Hint: check *Additional Precautions Quick Reference*

When would you use Complete 6000 wipes? **Hint:** check the *IPAC Equipment Cleaning and Disinfecting Manual*



Did you know?

All high-touched surfaces and horizontal surfaces are to be cleaned and disinfected after an Additional Precautions discharge.

How many high-touched surfaces can the team list?

- Doorknobs and door handles
- Light switches
- Faucets and sink handles,
- Exam chair or exam table and controls
- Computer keyboards, mice, and touchscreens
- Phone receivers or shared devices, soap, and hand sanitizer dispensers.

Resources

- [Environmental cleaning and disinfection in clinic settings](#)
- [Additional Precautions Quick Reference](#)
- [IPAC Additional Precautions page](#)
- [IPAC Equipment Cleaning and Disinfecting Manual](#)

