

Disinfecting Protocol

1. INTRODUCTION:

An outline of general guidelines on disinfecting and infection control procedures during a Pandemic. This protocol ensures the safety of staff and participants, while keeping areas disinfected regularly. **For additional information please refer to your site specific Pandemic plan.**

2. OBJECTIVES:

- Control and eliminate any infection of COVID19 virus on-site during declared Pandemic
- Consistency of disinfection standards throughout day and during shift changes

3. EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

- Gloves
 - Spray bottle with disinfectant and cloth(s)
- OR**
- Cavicide **Or** Cavi wipes/Lysol wipes

*Although commonly used cleaners and disinfectants with a Drug Identification Number (DIN – 8 digit number given by Health Canada) are also effective against COVID-19, CMHA Middlesex recommends using the following products: Avmor Eco pure, Warrior, Tough guy disinfectant, Pinosan and Dustban disinfectant

4. PROCEDURE: *All routine cleaning is to continue as previously scheduled*

- Gather required equipment as listed above
- Clean hands using soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub and put on gloves and any other required personal protective equipment.
- Ensure visibly dirty surfaces are cleaned prior to disinfecting.
- Disinfect room using prepared disinfectant in spray bottle and cloth **OR** cavi/Lysol wipes, working from **clean to dirty** and **high to low** areas of the room
 - o Use fresh cloth(s) or new wipes for disinfecting each location or resident bedroom
 - o Leave disinfectant on surface as per manufacturer's recommended time
 - o Disinfect in the following order, generally: doors, door handles, touched areas of door frame, light switches/thermostat, wall mounted dispensers, furnishings, sinks and faucets/showerheads, toilets as applicable
 - o If using cloths, change cloth when it is no longer saturated with disinfectant and after disinfecting heavily soiled areas such as toilet or sink area
- Disinfect all furnishings using checklists.
 - o Pay particular attention to high-touch surfaces, and number of times required on checklist.
 - o Record initials and timestamp
- Place soiled cloths in designated double bag container for laundering between uses.
- Place obvious waste in garbage receptacles.
- Remove gloves and place in garbage receptacles.
- Clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub.

*Do NOT leave room wearing gloves or other personal protective equipment.

*Extra PPE required for isolation rooms and isolation bedrooms – please reference disinfecting chart for specific areas.