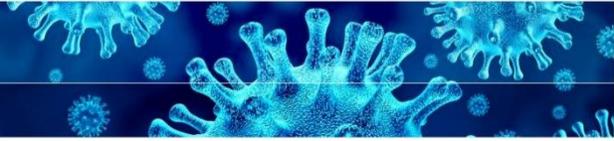




COVID-19 Information

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COVID-19 CLEANING & DISINFECTING FAQs

The risk of transmission of COVID virus from contaminated surfaces is very low however, if a person with enough virus on their hands puts them in their eyes, nose, or mouth, transmission is possible. Hand washing and cleaning and disinfection of hard surfaces reduces those risks.

When will cleaning occur in the school building and classrooms?

- Building services staff will clean the school building, including classrooms, offices, bathrooms, and cafeteria, daily. Desks will be wiped with multipurpose cleaner each evening.
- High touch surfaces such as railings, doorknobs and sink handles will be cleaned throughout the day.
- Per CDC guidance, cleaning is not to occur in rooms with students (except for cleaning of body fluids that must occur quickly).
- Plans for cleaning some items in the classroom, like recess equipment, manipulatives that are shared, and plexiglass dividers, will be made by the teacher, in consultation with the principal.

How will the cleaning of spaces in which a person with Covid Like Illness (CLI) occupied be handled?

- When CLI symptoms in a person are confirmed by the school nurse, building services staff will be notified to promptly clean high touch surfaces in the classroom used by the person with CLI.
- Nurses from the Office of Health Services will alert the Facilities Operations Office when extra cleaning is indicated for a building or space based on health department and CDC guidance.

Do shared objects need to be cleaned?

- Avoid use of shared objects, when possible.

- If students are sharing objects, such as PE equipment, art supplies, toys, or recess equipment, objects should be wiped clean daily and before use by a different class. Students and staff should wash hands before and after touching shared objects.
- Shared equipment, such as copiers, should be wiped clean between use and hands should be washed and/or sanitized before and after use.
- Shared student items that may not be cleaned, such as textbooks, may be used if absolutely necessary. Students must wash and/or sanitize their hands before and after using them.

Do desks need to be cleaned between students?

- Desks used by more than one student in a school day should be cleaned between students.
- If a desk is only used by one student, the desk will be cleaned by building services each evening.
- Wipes can be used to clean desks if students are present.
- Classroom staff may use multi-spray cleaner from building services to clean desks between classes if students are not present.
- Consider alternating desks if students switch classrooms.

How should medical equipment be cleaned?

- All medical equipment used for patient care should be cleaned and disinfected according to manufacturer's instructions between use. Thermometers and probes can be wiped down with a 70% isopropyl alcohol solution or disinfectant.

What products can be used for cleaning?

- Building Services will provide approved cleaning and disinfectant products that are proven to kill the COVID virus.
- Staff should not bring in cleaning products from home.
- Clorox or Lysol wipes and disinfecting wipes included on BCPS purchasing lists or catalogs (e.g., County Executive order, WB Mason) may be used to clean surfaces in the classroom.

[CDC-Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes](#)