



Cleaning and Disinfecting Procedures

Resulting from Vomiting and Diarrheal Events

Due to the highly infectious nature of Norovirus, cleaning and disinfecting procedures in accordance with 2VAC5-585-255 Clean-up of Vomiting and Diarrheal Events are as follows.

Supplies:

Personal protective equipment (PPE)

- 2 pairs of disposable, non-latex gloves
- 1 face mask
- 1 disposable gown with sleeves
- 1 disposable hair cover
- 1 pair of shoe covers

Cleaning supplies

- 1 sealable, plastic bag or biohazard bag with twist tie
- 1 scoop/scrapper
- Disposable paper towels or absorbent powder/solidifier
- Disinfectant (bleach)

Procedures for cleaning and disinfecting:

1. Remove sick individual(s) from establishment.
2. Restrict access to the area with items such as cones or caution tape, only allowing access by designated employee.
3. The designated employee must don PPE and gather cleaning supplies.
4. Cover the spill with absorbent material to soak up all fluid.
5. Scoop materials into sealable bag.
6. Apply disinfectant to surface (food and non-food contact) using a disposable towel or spray bottle. If using bleach, dilute 1 ½ cups of 5.25% bleach in one gallon of water and allow a contact time of at least 5 minutes. If used on food contact surface, wash, rinse and sanitize surface after disinfectant has dried to remove any residue.
7. Discard any food products and single-service items possibly exposed to the airborne droplets from body fluid, as far as 25 feet from the incident.
8. Disinfect any tools used in cleaning of event like mops or buckets.
9. Consider repeating the disinfection process to ensure removal of Norovirus particles.
10. Remove PPE prior to leaving area and dispose of in sealable bag.
11. Properly wash hands, and if possible, shower and change clothing.