



Clorox Infection Prevention Program

Steps for terminal cleaning of C. diff isolation rooms

The following steps for disinfecting *Clostridium difficile* spores are based on published CDC, SHEA and APIC guidelines. Please consult CDC, SHEA and APIC guidelines for additional steps to take as part of a tiered, or bundled, approach.

In units with high rates of endemic C. difficile infection or in an outbreak setting, the CDC recommends using a 1:10 dilution of bleach for routine environmental disinfection.¹

Step 1 | Prepare for Isolation Cleaning

Check door to see if the Isolation Precaution Sign is present. Follow your facility's requirements for donning personal protective equipment when disinfecting and cleaning C. difficile rooms. Wash hands and put on PPE prior to entering room. Gather all supplies/equipment and cleaning solutions required and leave supply cart outside of door of patient room to avoid contamination.

Step 2 | Collect Trash and Soiled Linens

Collect all trash and put into a garbage bag. Use a 1:10 dilution of EPA-registered germicidal bleach to disinfect the surfaces of the waste container and allow to air dry. Place all soiled linens—including gowns, towels and curtains—into a sealed bag and dispose of it in the trash once you leave the room, in accordance with your facility's protocols.

Step 3 | Clean and Disinfect Bathroom

Clean and disinfect all hard, nonporous bathroom surfaces. Start with the highest surface (like the mirror) and leave the toilet for last. Ensure that all surfaces, including the sink area, mirrors, grab bars and shower fixtures, are thoroughly disinfected. Disinfect and clean toilet exterior, toilet seat surface and outer and inner bowl. Ensure surfaces stay wet for full contact time in accordance with product label.

Step 4 | Clean and Disinfect Room

Thoroughly clean and disinfect the patient bed area, including the headboard, footboard, front panel, mattress, side rails, bed frame and over-bed table. Clean any stains or soils on the walls. Disinfect remaining furniture and high-touch areas such as TV remotes, light switches, door handles, lamps and windowsills. Be sure to follow manufacturers' directions for contact times and take proper steps to avoid cross-contamination.

Step 5 | Mop Room and Prepare to Exit

Using a microfiber mop, mop the entire floor surface, working your way from the far corner back to the entrance. Visually inspect the room and ensure all surfaces have been cleaned and disinfected. Then disinfect any cleaning equipment (like mop handles) before returning to the cleaning cart. Remove PPE and put in a trash bag prior to leaving the room. Wash your hands. Return with clean linens and make bed.

1. CDC "Guidelines for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities," 2008.

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