Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Principles

Before Cleaning and Disinfection

- Use an approved cleaning and disinfection product with a contact time of 5 minutes or less
- Check to make sure products are not expired
- Always perform hand hygiene before putting on and after removing gloves
- Test the cleaning and disinfectant product with test strips if mixed from concentrate

During Cleaning and Disinfection

- Remove visible soil prior to cleaning and disinfection
- Move from **LOW** to **HIGH** touch surfaces
- Move from **CLEAN** to **DIRTY** and **TOP** to **BOTTOM** to avoid cross contamination
- Store clean and dirty items (e.g., cloths) separately on the housekeeping cart
- Do not double-dip cloths
- Product bottles must not be topped up and not in a spray format
- Replace used cloths with a clean one after cleaning very dirty areas and after each use. Use a separate cloth between the bedroom and the bathroom.
- If a bed space is shared, clean all surfaces in each space separately
- Dry mop prior to wet/damp mop.
- For wet mopping, change:
  - Loop mop heads when heavily soiled and at the end of the day
  - Cleaning solution for loop mop frequently enough to maintain appropriate concentration of solution
  - Microfiber mop pads when heavily soiled and after each room or bed space

After Cleaning and Disinfection

- Do not leave the room wearing gloves
- If additional precautions (e.g., droplet contact) are required in a room, then PPE must be removed when leaving that room and eye protection must be cleaned and disinfected or discarded
- Tools used for cleaning and disinfecting must be cleaned and dried or laundered between uses. Do not store wet. Clean housekeeping cart/caddy daily.

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