**Hepatitis A Disinfection Guide for Medical Settings**

**Hepatitis A**

- Virus is in the poop of people who have the virus. If a person with the virus doesn’t wash their hands after going to the bathroom, poop can transfer to people, objects, food and drinks.

**Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned often.**

- Faucets
- Sinks
- Toilets and commodes
- Kitchen surfaces
- High chairs
- Ice machines
- Doorknobs
- Remote controls
- Light switch plates
- Phones
- Keyboards
- Railings
- Tables and chairs
- Wheelchairs and walkers
- Linens
- Recreation equipment

**Use disinfectants that kill hepatitis A**

**Chlorine Bleach Solution**
Mix 1 to 3 cups bleach with 1 gallon of water (5000 ppm). Use immediately to clean:
- Stainless steel
- Items related to food and mouth contact
- Tile floors and other nonporous surfaces
- Counters, sinks and toilets

**Other Disinfectants**
Because bleach can corrode or damage some surfaces, you may need to use a different disinfectant: make sure it kills hepatitis A. Read product labels and specification sheets.

**When you clean:**
- Check that the area has good ventilation.
- Wear gloves.
- Wear covering that protects your clothing.
- Keep disinfectants away from other chemicals.

**Steps for cleaning up vomit or feces:**

1. **IMMEDIATELY** block off the contaminated area.
2. Put on personal protective equipment (PPE): two sets of gloves (you will double-layer the gloves), a mask, eye protection or a face shield, and a gown or something similar that will protect your body and clothes.
3. Clean up all visible vomit or feces. Use disposable absorbent material like paper towels or disposable cloths. Handle contaminated towels or cloths as little as possible.
4. Put contaminated towels or cloths in a durable plastic bag.
5. Disinfect the area and objects surrounding the contamination: use a disinfectant that kills hepatitis A.
6. When cleaning and disinfecting is done, take off PPE in this order: take off outer set of gloves and keep the inner set on, take off your gown and then your mask.
7. Keeping your inner set of gloves on, take out all plastic bags to a secure trash container. Don’t let the bags touch your body or clothing.

**Don’t spread hepatitis A at work.**

**Wash your hands with soap and warm, running water for 20 seconds:**

**BEFORE YOU**
- Put on disposable gloves.
- Handle or serve food.
- Clean equipment.

**AFTER YOU**
- Handle dirty equipment, trash or waste.
- Touch bare human body parts other than clean hands and arms.
- Use the restroom.

**Disinfecting Medical Equipment Used for Patients with Infection**
- Medical equipment should be dedicated to the patient’s room,
- Or the equipment must be thoroughly disinfected if removed from the room.
- Only use disinfectants and cleaning steps recommended by the manufacturer.

**ALCOHOL-BASED HAND SANITIZERS DON’T KILL HEPATITIS A GERMS!**

For more information, call the hepatitis A information line, Mon.–Fri., 8 a.m.–5 p.m., toll free: 1-844-CALL-DOH (1-844-225-3646).
Email: HepA@flhealth.gov.

Learn more:
FloridaHealth.gov/HepA
CDC.gov/Hepatitis
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