**Hepatitis A**

**Disinfection Guide for Public Restrooms**

**Hepatitis A is contagious.**

**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 1/2-3 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:**

IMMEDIATELY block off the contaminated area.

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. Put contaminated towels or cloths in a durable plastic bag.

4. Disinfect the area and objects surrounding the contamination: use a disinfectant that kills hepatitis A.

5. 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.

6. Put PPE in a durable plastic bag.

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.
- Prepare food.
- Switch between working with raw food and working with ready-to-eat food.
- Work with food that isn’t packaged.
- Change kitchen tasks.
- Handle or serve food.
- Handle clean tableware and utensils.
- Handle take-out containers or utensils.
- Clean equipment.

**AFTER YOU**
- Touch bare human body parts other than clean hands and arms.
- Use the restroom.
- Handle dirty equipment or utensils.
- Cough, sneeze or use a handkerchief or tissue.
- Use tobacco, eat or drink.

**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-DH (1-844-225-3564).
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