

## **CLEANING STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICES**

Because school Health Offices are high-use areas and because their function is to provide care to sick and injured students, specific cleaning procedures should be followed to decrease the spread of infection in these spaces. Cleaning alone removes most types of harmful germs (like viruses, bacteria, parasites, or fungi) from surfaces. The procedures below are for general clean up; they do not replace the specific cleaning required in the event of a body fluid spill. See Cleaning Body Fluid Spills (10.2030) procedure.

Many human pathogens can remain viable on inanimate objects and surfaces from several hours to several days. Cleaning and disinfecting are part of a broad approach to preventing infectious diseases from spreading in schools. Special attention should be paid to high touch surfaces when cleaning and disinfecting.

### **Standards for custodial cleaning of school health offices include:**

1. Daily cleaning of Health Office sinks, faucets, toilets, toilet seats, and toilet flush handles.
2. Daily checking (and refill if necessary) of consumables including paper towels, toilet tissue, and soap dispenser.
3. Daily emptying of all trash containers. Plastic liners should be changed if soiled.
4. Regular sweeping of Health Office floors.
5. Regular mopping of Health Office bathroom floors.
6. Regular mopping of Health Office floors.
7. Spills that appear to be blood or body fluids will be cleaned with a hydrogen peroxide detergent first, followed by a spray disinfectant in accordance with the Cleaning Body Fluid Spills (10.2030) procedure.

### **The school nurse or nurse's assistant will:**

Clean designated surfaces with **Spartan Profect HP** daily and as needed. Spray surfaces with **Spartan Profect HP**, scrub as needed, and wipe dry. Health office staff should develop a plan to ensure that cleaning is done regularly. It is recommended that gloves be worn when cleaning to protect staff from germs in the areas being cleaned. Clean the following:

1. Phone
2. Keyboard (computer should be turned off when cleaning). A cotton swab moistened with alcohol will reach difficult areas in the keyboard and mouse.
3. Computer mouse
4. Cots
5. Doorknobs
6. Desktops and countertops if needed
7. Other surfaces as needed

Peroxide Cleaner 34A and Spartan Profect HP Hydrogen Peroxide Disinfectant are provided by school based custodians to health offices. Peroxide Cleaner 34A should be dated when dispensed and discarded at the 6 month mark per the manufacturer's instructions.

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