Disinfection Protocol for Point of Care Testing for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)

Name of Facility/Entity:

Name of Disinfectant Being Used:

Directions (e.g., spray, wipe, contact time):

Date Implemented: Reviewed By (Name/Title)

Disinfecting Surfaces General Information

➢ Ensure proper ventilation during and after application of disinfectant, so no one inhales fumes from the disinfectant.
➢ Always wear gloves appropriate for the chemicals being used when you are cleaning and disinfecting. Additional personal protective equipment (PPE) may be needed based on setting and product. For more information, see CDC’s website on Cleaning and Disinfection for Community Facilities.
➢ Use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered disinfectant when disinfecting surfaces where specimens are collected and processed. Follow the manufacturer’s application instructions for use, such as dilution, contact time, and safe handling. □ This facilities disinfectant is EPA registered.
➢ Clean and disinfect surfaces where specimen collection, handling, and testing occur. Examples include tables, chairs, and bed frames.
➢ It is important to follow these recommendations to avoid cross-contamination and keep workers safe.¹

Use chemical disinfectants safely!

➢ Wear gloves and consider glasses or goggles for potential splash hazards to eyes
➢ Ensure adequate ventilation (for example, open windows)
➢ Use only the amount recommended on the label
➢ Use water at room temperature for dilution (unless stated otherwise on the label)
➢ Label diluted cleaning solutions
➢ Store and use chemicals out of the reach of children and pets
➢ Do not mix products or chemicals
➢ Do not eat, drink, breathe, or inject cleaning and disinfection products into your body or apply directly to your skin as they can cause serious harm
➢ Do not wipe or bathe pets with any cleaning and disinfection products
➢ To print a poster see EPA’s Six Steps for Safe and Effective Disinfectant Use.²

Special considerations should be made for people with asthma. Some cleaning and disinfection products can trigger asthma. If applicable: Learn more about reducing your chance of an asthma attack while disinfecting to prevent COVID-19.

Disinfect surfaces within 6 feet of the specimen collection/handling area:

➢ Before testing begins each day
➢ Between each specimen collection
➢ At least hourly during testing
➢ When visibly soiled
➢ In the event of a specimen spill or splash
➢ At the end of every testing day.¹

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¹ Guidance for SARS-CoV-2 Point-of-Care Testing, CDC
² Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility, CDC