Cleaning and Disinfecting Guidance for all Student Residents

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This document provides recommendations on cleaning and disinfecting for student residences. It is aimed at limiting transmission of COVID-19 in residential environments.

Based on information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH), student residents should follow these recommendations for cleaning and disinfecting their residence:

- Clean all “high-touch” surfaces every day, such as counters, tabletops, doorknobs, fixtures, toilets, phones, etc. Also, clean any surfaces that may have blood, stool, or body fluids on them. Use an EPA-approved disinfectant, as provided by Student Housing, and use according to the instructions on the label, including wearing gloves and having good ventilation during use of the product.
- After cleaning and disinfecting, remove and dispose of gloves.
- Immediately clean your hands with soap and water or with hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.
- Place all used gloves and other contaminated items in a lined container before disposing of them with other household waste.
- Resident(s) should perform hand hygiene frequently. Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.
- Resident(s) should follow respiratory etiquette: Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then throw into a lined trash container.
- Resident(s) should avoid sharing personal household items, dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels or bedding with other people or pets in your home. After using these items, wash hands thoroughly with soap and water.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Environmental Health and Safety at (949) 824-6200 or at safety@uci.edu.