

Cleaning and Waste Management Guidance for Suspected/Positive Residents

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Audience: UCI Student Housing Residents

Per Student Housing procedures, Resident(s) with positive/suspected COVID-19 are responsible for cleaning and disinfecting their assigned area(s). Resident(s) should review the following instructions regarding the cleaning of residences and disposal of waste.

General Recommendations

Resident(s) will be provided with cleaning supplies for their assigned area before entering quarantine/isolation units. These include but are not limited to:

- Trash bags
- Disinfectant(s)
- Gloves
- Linen
- Paper towel

When cleaning and disinfecting, Resident(s) should:

- Wear disposable gloves
- Avoid touching face;

After cleaning and disinfecting, Resident(s) should:

- Remove gloves and place them in trash bag;
- Trash bag can be disposed of in regular trash;
- Immediately wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, as soon as possible, or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Cleaning

EH&S recommends that Resident(s) clean surfaces using soap and water if dirt is present. Resident(s) should also follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning products regarding application method, contact time, and increase the frequency of cleaning for frequently touched surfaces to at least once a day and as needed.

Disinfecting

EH&S recommends that Resident(s) use the Student Housing provided EPA-approved disinfectants for use against COVID-19:

- Resident(s) with suspected/confirmed COVID-19 should clean and disinfect shared spaces such as bathrooms after each use.

When disinfecting **hard (non-porous)** surfaces, Resident(s) should:

1. Wear disposable gloves
2. Allow proper ventilation during and after application of disinfectant.
3. Check if surfaces are dirty. If dirt is present, clean with a mix of soap and water. Wipe the surface then proceed cleaning with disinfectant for the required contact time. Follow manufacturer's instructions. The surface should be visibly wet for the duration of the contact time. Wiping the product prematurely from the treated surface will reduce the product's effectiveness.

4. If surface is not dirty, proceed with disinfectant for the required contact time. Follow manufacturer's instructions.
5. Wipe down surfaces.
6. If wiping down surfaces such as toilets, bathroom stalls, or sinks, employees may use a disposable mop to wipe surfaces and increase the distance between themselves and surfaces.

Trash Removal

For waste/trash located **inside** Residences of quarantine/isolation units:

- Residents should:
 1. Collect and double bag the waste in a trash bag
 2. Seal the bag with an overhand knot
 3. Spray the exterior of the bag with a disinfectant
 4. Place bag **outside** the room/residence

Laundry

- If Resident(s) are washing laundry for individual(s) with suspected/confirmed COVID-19 in the same household, wash laundry thoroughly
- Wear disposable gloves while handling soiled items.
- Read and follow the directions on the labels of bedding and clothing and wash on the highest temperature setting. Dry items thoroughly using the warmest temperatures recommended on the clothing label.

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