Cleaning and Disinfecting Closed Work Camps

To prevent exposures from environmental surfaces, work camps must clean and disinfect the work, administrative, and living environments regularly.

Cleaning and disinfecting requires appropriate measures to remove visible debris, followed by appropriate use of an accepted disinfectant.

Cleaning and disinfecting measures should, at minimum, include high-touch surfaces such as toilets, bedside tables, door handles, tables, kitchens, keyboards, and other high touch surfaces in common areas. Cleaning and disinfecting should be done frequently. At least twice per day.

Cleaning requires the use of disposable gloves and protective clothing (e.g. plastic aprons, if available) when handling soiled surfaces, clothing or linen. Disinfectants should be approved by Health Canada with an appropriate DIN number, and should follow the product instructions for the dilution, contact time, and protective equipment to prevent chemical injury to the person applying the disinfectant.

Appropriate disinfectants include:

- Diluted bleach solution: 1 part bleach to 9 parts water.
- Accelerated hydrogen peroxide (0.5%)
- Quaternary ammonium compounds (QUATs)

Health Canada has a list of registered disinfectant products that are active against coronaviruses, available here:

www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/disinfectants/covid-19.html#a2