



## **Update: Simplifying Campus Cleaning Responses Related to COVID-19**

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Please share this information with the person at the school, college, division who has responsibility for assuring the work area is cleaned.

### **Campus Cleaning Practices**

EHS and the Physical Plant implemented a layered approach to pre-emptively clean campus operational areas in a manner to regularly reduce risk of COVID-19 infection. These protocols are found in FP&M and Smart Restart guidance accessed [here](#). The guidance for cleaning when a positive case occurs is as follows:

- Whenever possible, re-entry should be delayed for 24 hours up to 7 days when possible, after the person with COVID19 was last present. After seven days, no additional cleaning beyond that performed routinely is required.
- Entry is acceptable when cleaning is conducted after isolating the space for at least 24 hours when the following occurs:
  - Regular cleaning should follow the appropriate guidance provided in Smart Restart, found [here](#). Cleaning and disinfecting shall be conducted using appropriate use of cleaning and disinfection chemicals.
  - Personal protective equipment (PPE) for cleaning conducted from 24 hours to 7 days after the person who is sick last occupied the space must include:
    - disposable procedure mask,
    - gloves,
    - a gown and eye protection (safety glasses or face shield) for all tasks in the cleaning and disinfecting process, including handling trash.
- If work must be done in close proximity to a positive or suspect positive person and/or in a small space with limited ventilation such as a patient room or vehicle, consult with EH&S.

### **EHS Response to Workplace Exposures**

EHS will focus on assessing and mitigating risk in facilities in which multiple positive cases are occurring by coordinating with facility managers on cleaning practices, assessing operational practices for reducing infection risk and observing workplace practices to assure good practices are being followed.

If there are any questions about cleaning practices related to COVID-19 or infection control in the workplace, you can reach EHS by email at [eoh@uhs.wisc.edu](mailto:eoh@uhs.wisc.edu).