

C. difficile Terminal Cleaning

Environmental Services Protocol & Checklist

EVS PROTOCOL & CHECKLIST

Check (✓)	Preparing the Room for Cleaning:
	1. Take any patient belongings that may have been left behind to Nurses station.
	2. Place "Room Closed for Cleaning" sign in entry way (to keep others from entering during cleaning).
	3. Perform hand hygiene and put on PPE (gloves and gown).
	4. Discard non-cleanable items per facility protocol. Examples: a. Disposable pillows (including those in the closet) b. Unused Nursing supplies (e.g., dressings, EKG pads, etc.) c. Paper products (e.g., toilet paper, paper towels, toilet seat covers, etc.) d. Opened boxes of gloves e. Dry erase marker and eraser
	5. Place linens (soiled or clean) and privacy curtain in the linen hamper.
	6. Remove trash, red bag waste and linens from room. Clean and disinfect the receptacles.
	7. Remove gloves and wash hands with soap and water. Put on new gloves.
	8. Reline trash/linen hamper with new bags.

Cleaning & Disinfecting Steps:

Two steps are required to clean a *C. diff* room (even if using a 1-step cleaner disinfectant).

Step 1 (cleaning): Use a detergent or any EPA-registered healthcare-grade cleaner disinfectant.

Step 2 (disinfection): Use a sporicidal disinfectant (such as bleach).

For both steps, clean in a methodical manner.

Best Practices:

- ▶ Clean in a clockwise or counter-clockwise fashion around the room
- ▶ Clean from high to low
- ▶ Move from cleaner to dirtier surfaces









	9. Complete high dusting using a dampened microfiber cloth or ready-to-use disinfecting wipes.
	10. Vertical spaces: a. Clean/Disinfect all items located on the walls (light switches, TV, etc.). b. Spot clean walls, baseboards, doors, windows and ceilings as needed.
	11. Clean/Disinfect all furniture and horizontal surfaces. Examples: chairs, bedside tables, computers on wheels, window sills, etc.
	12. Clean/Disinfect bed area, mattress (top and bottom), bed rails x 4, head and foot board, frame, over-bed table, nurse call device/cords, telephone and cords.
	13. Clean/Disinfect patient equipment to remain in the room, including thermometer, IV pole, IV pump, walker and pulse ox probe.
	14. Clean/Disinfect all cords and monitor wires. Coil neatly to keep off floor.

Check (✓)	Restroom:
	15. Discard any remaining paper products (toilet paper, paper towels, tissue, toilet seat covers).
	16. Clean/Disinfect high-touch surfaces, including lights, soap dispenser, paper towel dispenser, toilet seat cover dispenser, toilet paper roll cover, etc.
	17. Clean/Disinfect all surfaces, including sink, fixtures, storage cubby, grab bars, pull cord, toilet handle, bedpan sprayer arm, shower walls and faucet handles.
	18. Clean/Disinfect commode chair/bucket.
	19. Clean/Disinfect toilet bowl and under rim with toilet brush. Discard toilet brush upon completion.
	20. Mop shower floor.
	21. To prevent <i>Legionella</i> growth, allow hand-held shower head and wand to hang in a downward position to drain any standing water.

	22. Clean mirror with glass cleaner.
	23. Remove all PPE and wash hands with soap and water. Put on new PPE.
Check (✓)	Complete Room Preparation:
	24. Refill soap and hand sanitizer dispensers; replace paper products, bath linens and boxes of gloves.
	25. Hang new privacy and shower curtain.
	26. Make bed.
Check (✓)	Floor Care:
	27. Dust/Mop floor.
	28. Post "Wet Floor" sign.
	29. Mop floor using microfiber mop beginning at far corner of the room, under bed and then moving toward the bathroom and the door.
Check (✓)	Finishing Steps:
	30. Clean/Disinfect reusable EVS equipment that will be brought out of room (mop handle, ladder, etc.).
	31. Remove PPE and wash hands with soap and water before exiting room.
	32. Discard bucket of disinfectant and mop water. Replace mop head.
	33. Perform quality monitoring (e.g., ATP, etc.) per facility policy.
	34. Perform adjunct disinfection (e.g., UV or electrostatic disinfection) per facility policy.

Clorox Healthcare® Product Recommendations

The following Clorox Healthcare® cleaner disinfectants can be used to effectively manage *C. difficile* on environmental surfaces and equipment in healthcare settings:

Clorox Healthcare® Bleach	
Germicidal Wipes (EPA Reg. No. 67619-12) Item No. 30577 5" x 6" Clinical Wipes, 6/150 ct. Item No. 35309 6.75" x 9" Multi-purpose Wipes, 6/70 ct. Item No. 32621 6.75" x 9" Multi-purpose Wipes, 6/100 ct. Item No. 30358 12" x 12" Terminal Wipes, 2/110 ct. Item No. 30359 12" x 12" Terminal Wipes Refill, 2/110 ct.	 
Germicidal Cleaners (EPA Reg. No. 56392-7) Item No. 68970 6/32 fl. oz. Spray Item No. 68832 6/32 fl. oz. Pull-Top Item No. 68978 4/128 fl. oz. Refill	 
Fuzion® (EPA Reg. No. 67619-30) Item No. 31478 9/32 fl. oz. Spray	 
Dispatch® Bleach	
Hospital Cleaner Disinfectant Towels with Bleach (EPA Reg. No. 56392-8) Item No. 69150 6.75" x 8" Wipes Canister, 8/150 ct.	 



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