

**E**nhanced cleaning guidelines are recommended as extra steps when cleaning a room that housed a known COVID-19 positive person. The table below shows these enhanced procedures in comparison to cleaning rooms that did not house a COVID-19 positive person (i.e., normal rooms or suspected COVID-19 room where person tested negative). In both cases, cleaning shall occur after the individual is released by a physician.

	COVID-19 Positive	COVID-19 Negative
	<b>Isolated individual tested positive</b>	<b>Isolated individual tested negative</b>
<b>PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Face mask to protect the wearer from splashes and sprays</li> <li>• Respiratory protection – N95 is voluntary</li> <li>• Medical mask</li> <li>• Gloves</li> <li>• Dedicated reusable apron or gown specifically for cleaning COVID-19 positive areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No additional PPE other than what is normally required.</li> <li>• Adding voluntary additional PPE due to employee’s concerns is OK.</li> </ul>
<b>DISINFECTANT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EPA-approved disinfectant for COVID-19 virus such as Ecolab Facilipro peroxide glass and surface cleaner (EPA registration 1677-251)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal cleaning products</li> </ul>
<b>BEFORE CLEANING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If recirculating AC:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Air out the room by opening windows for 24 hours prior to cleaning the room</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If HVAC provides negative air flow:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Allow HVAC to run 3 hours without disturbance with the doors closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No need to air room</li> </ul>
<b>FOR LINENS AND TOWELS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not shake dirty laundry</li> <li>• Dirty laundry shall be placed in a plastic bag and set outside the door of the room by the person being housed.</li> <li>• Launder items using the hottest appropriate water setting for the items and dry items completely</li> <li>• Dirty laundry from an ill person can be washed with other people’s items.</li> <li>• Clean and disinfect hampers or other carts for transporting laundry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Normal laundry procedure</li> </ul>

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	<b>Isolated individual tested positive</b>	<b>Isolated individual tested negative</b>
<b>FOR CARPETS, RUGS, AND DRAPES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove any decorative or extra cloth items prior to housing individuals. For soft (porous) surfaces such as carpeted floor, rugs, and drapes, remove visible contamination, if present, and clean with appropriate cleaners indicated for use on these surfaces.</li> <li>After cleaning:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the items can be laundered, launder items in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions using the hottest appropriate water setting for the items and then dry items completely.</li> <li>Dry clean items that cannot be washed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal cleaning</li> </ul>
<b>REMOVING PPE</b>	<p><b>Remove in this order:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove disposable apron/gown</li> <li>Remove gloves and replace with new gloves</li> <li>Remove face shield and N95</li> <li>Remove gloves</li> <li>Wash hands for 20 seconds immediately after removing all PPE</li> </ol>	<p><b>For extra voluntary PPE, remove in this order if necessary:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disposable clothing (apron or gown)</li> <li>Face shield and mask</li> <li>Gloves</li> <li>Wash hands for 20 seconds immediately after removing all PPE</li> </ol>
<b>DISPOSING OF WASTE DURING QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Person being housed shall place items in a plastic bag, wipe the outside with a disinfectant wipe, and set it outside the door. The plastic bag can be disposed in the regular trash.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Normal procedure</li> </ul>

### QUESTIONS?

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