

Clean-Up of Vomit/Fecal Events Procedure

Immediate clean-up is necessary to minimize the risk of disease transmission to employees and customers and to prevent the contamination of food, food contact surfaces, food preparation areas, utensils, equipment, single use or single service items.

The facility will maintain a clean-up kit consisting of:

- Disposable Non-Latex Gloves
- Face Mask(s)
- Disposable Gown(s)/Apron(s) with Sleeves
- Disposable Hair Cover
- Disposable Shoe Covers
- Sealable, Plastic Bag(s) with Twist Ties
- Scoop/Scraper
- Paper Towels
- Absorbent Powder/Solidifier (i.e. cat litter, saw dust, etc.)
- Disinfectant

The clean-up kit shall be stored in an easily accessible location. In the event of a vomiting or fecal event, the manager shall ensure that employees adhere to the following procedure:

- Promptly remove ill employees, customers, and others from impacted area (typically a 30 foot radius)
- Turn off any fans/air circulation in the impacted area to minimize movement of aerosolized particles
- Segregate the area by covering the vomit/fecal matter with single use disposable towel(s) or absorbent powder (i.e. cat litter, saw dust, etc.)
- Obtain the clean-up kit and don the appropriate personal protective equipment (i.e. disposable gloves, mask, cover gown/apron, hair cover, shoe covers)
- Wipe up the matter with disposable towels and/or designated equipment and immediately dispose into a plastic garbage bag
- Utilize the disinfectant solution, as appropriate for the type of surface, on the impacted areas (typically within a 30 foot radius)
 - Mix a chlorine solution (5-25 tablespoons of bleach per gallon of water, or 5.25%) at 1,000 ppm (non-porous surfaces) to 5,000 ppm (porous surfaces) ; or
 - Utilize a quaternary ammonium sanitizer that is approved effective for Norovirus and is listed on the EPA's registered list of approved products;
 - Use any other EPA-registered norovirus disinfectant ; or
 - Food contact surfaces will be sanitized using standard, approved sanitizing agents per code requirements
- Apply the disinfectant to the affected area. If a bleach solution is used, it will be allowed to remain wet for at least 10 minutes. Others will be utilized per the manufacturer's specifications. Areas where a disinfectant cannot be used will be cleaned by other means
- Unused disinfectant solution should be disposed of in the utility sink
- Disposable gloves, masks, gown/apron should be carefully removed and placed in plastic garbage bag
- Non-disposable tools should be cleaned and sanitized
- Garbage bags should be tied and immediately taken to dumpster
- Employees will immediately and thoroughly wash hands before returning to normal duties
- Restrooms will be disinfected
- Any exposed food or food handled by the individual who had the event will be discarded
- Incident shall be documented