

## WCPS OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT CLEANING AND DISINFECTING PROTOCOL DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WCPS carefully monitors the most up-to-date information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), and local, state, and federal government.

WCPS will follow CDC Guidance for [Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#).

WCPS will determine what needs to be cleaned, how areas will be disinfected and consider resources and equipment needed. Not all surfaces need to be cleaned or disinfected between use, especially when many people wear masks, the transmission of COVID-19 in the community is low, and everyone practices safe hand hygiene. The risk of infection from touching a surface is low. The most reliable way to prevent infection from surfaces is to [regularly wash hands or use hand sanitizer](#).

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided to custodians and other staff responsible for cleaning and disinfecting. WCPS will follow product label requirements for PPE.

**Disinfectants will no longer be used while students are present. Students will be encouraged to practice safe [hand hygiene](#).**

High touchpoints will be cleaned frequently during the school day. Examples are:

- Doorknobs and door handles
- Light switches
- Bathroom fixtures
- Water fountains/bottle fillers

**After the school day, areas including but not limited to classrooms, gyms, restrooms, hallways, and offices will be cleaned and disinfected. Staff will:**

- Clean using products at their recommended label rate. WCPS uses the following cleaners on hard surfaces:
  - Neutral Cleaner
  - Peroxide Cleaner
- Disinfect using products on or compatible with [EPA's List N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2 \(COVID-19\)](#) and at their recommended label rate

**Soft and porous materials, including classroom rugs, will be:**

- Cleaned or laundered frequently
- Removed in high traffic areas

- Removed if they do not have an instructional use

**Outdoor areas and playgrounds:**

- The CDC does not recommend disinfecting playground equipment
- Students will practice safe hand hygiene

**Response action after person(s) suspected/confirmed to have COVID-19 have been in a facility:**

- Close off areas visited by the person(s) as necessary.
- Increase ventilation by opening windows and/or running HEPA air machines.
- Wait 24 hours if possible to begin cleaning and disinfection.
- Custodial staff will clean and disinfect **all** areas visited by the person(s).
- Custodial staff will clean and disinfect **all** shared equipment used by person(s).

**WCPS will maintain and revise the plan to continue safe practices.**

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