

Cleaning Procedures

Note: The protocol that follows targets hard, nonporous environmental surfaces and is not meant to be an all-inclusive terminal cleaning procedure. Integrate these steps into your existing terminal cleaning protocol.*

General Surfaces

- Perform hand hygiene using Clorox® brand Hand Sanitizer, then put on **gloves** and **protective eyewear**.
- After removing trash and can liner, use Clorox® brand Germicidal Wipes to wipe **all surfaces of the waste container**. Allow items to air dry.
- Use Clorox® brand Germicidal Wipes to wipe **vertical surfaces, counters, ledges and sills**. Be sure to change wipes often to ensure surfaces remain wet for the time specified on the product label. Discard used wipes in trash. Never reuse or rewet a disposable wipe.

Patient Bed Area

- Using a new wipe, wipe the top and front of the **bed's headboard, side rails** and **between rails**. Also wipe the **TV remote** and **nurse-call device and cord**.
- Turn down the coated bed mattress. Use a wipe to wipe the **bed frame** and the **back of the coated mattress** working from the top and repeating at the bottom. Remember to wipe the sides of the coated mattress and change wipes as needed. Be sure to also wipe both sides of **coated pillows**. Allow items to air dry.
- Use a new wipe to wipe the **top and front panel of footboard**. Depending on the footboard type, make sure to wipe between the spaces and grooves.

High-Touch Areas

- Use wipes to wipe **all high-touch areas in room** (i.e., desktops, keyboards, bedside tabletop and inner drawer, phone and cradle, armchairs, door and cabinet handles, light switches, closet handles, etc.).
- Use a new wipe to wipe mobile devices such as **IV stands, carts, BP monitors** and **glucometers**.
- Use a new wipe to wipe air vents.

Bathroom

- Begin a terminal bathroom cleaning by giving special attention to the order in which items are cleaned. Start with the highest surface and clean the toilet last.
- Using wipes, clean the sink and counter area, including **sink fixtures**, under the **sink** and **all pipes**.
- Use a new wipe to clean other surfaces of the bathroom, including **support bars** and **shower fixtures**. Allow items to air dry.
- Remove gloves and discard in trash. **Perform hand hygiene** using Clorox® brand Hand Sanitizer.

*Clorox Terminal Cleaning protocol adapted from the publication "Practice Guidance for Healthcare Environmental Cleaning" authored by the American Society for Healthcare Environmental Services. Environmental Services professionals should wear protective equipment (e.g., disposable gloves, gowns, masks and eye covering) when performing terminal cleaning activities. See product label for special instructions for use against HIV-1.

