

Essentials for Cleaning & Disinfecting

What is needed to properly clean and disinfect surfaces?

1. Operator



It starts with a trained operator. A trained operator would do the following before attempting to perform the task:

- Read chemical labels and safety data sheets before using the product to ensure it is used safely, effectively, and lawfully. This is important because a chemical may have different instructions for different types of pathogens.

2. Chemical



- Ensure the disinfectant has a kill claim for the specific pathogen targeted (or a kill claim for a harder-to-kill pathogen).
- Understand the contact time or, the amount of time the surface should remain wet with the product to achieve a disinfection.
- Don the appropriate PPE required before handling the chemical.
- Check the chemical for an expiration date before using, as some disinfectants composition can breakdown and degrade over time.
- Understand the appropriate equipment for applying the chemical to surfaces and how to use the equipment properly.

3. Equipment

