

Infection Control - Novel Coronavirus

General Infection Control Coronavirus

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, some causing illness in people and others that circulate among animals, including camels, cats and bats. Rarely, animal coronaviruses can infect people and then spread between people.

Maintaining an effective level of hygiene is one of the most important and regularly implemented practices of the service. Effective hygiene strategies and practices assist services to protect all persons from, and minimise the potential risk of, disease and illness.

The outbreak of Novel Coronavirus can be difficult to control as it is very infectious and deadly.

Mode of Transmission

Mode of transmission is unknown as of 28/01/2020. Where human-to-human transmission occurs, it would most likely be through direct contact with case-patients, by respiratory droplets and by fomites (contaminated objects and surfaces)

Diagnosis

Patients initially reported in this outbreak were reported to have had fever, dyspnoea, and bilateral lung infiltrates on chest X-ray. Broader surveillance and testing has also identified more cases including patients with mild symptoms.

Therefore, we have advised all cleaners to report to the Client Relationship manager if they have any of above symptoms and travelled into Australia within the last 30 days.

Prevention Activities

Cleaners and Site Supervisors

The cleaners and site supervisors are advised of general health precautions which will lower the risk of infection in general. Specific emphasis is placed on:

Prevention Activities	PPE / Equipment / Materials:
Hand hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear Gloves and Dispose them Correctly Regular Hand Wash Regular hand sanitizing prior and after entering each section of the site
Respiratory hygiene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear P2 Masks supplied
Adhering to good food-safety practices	
Maintaining good personal hygiene.	

On Site Prevention Activities

Prevention Activities	
Clean hard and soft surfaces/objects Clean all work surfaces, tables, doors, benches, shelving, door and cupboard handles, storage areas, sinks, floors and any other items or fittings that are touched frequently	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional sanitized cleaning wipes will be supplied to clean all hard surfaces and objects 2. Alternatively, use disposable paper towels to clean all hard surfaces and objects with disinfectant on soft surfaces with hot water 3. Discard used gloves and shoe cover in a leak-proof bag, then dispose in the waste bin. 4. Wash your hands thoroughly using soap and warm water, then pat dry with a disposable paper towel.
Client Relationship Managers are encouraged to consult with Clients to organise regular stream cleaning	
Maintenance of cleaning equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Cross Contamination Chart must be followed by the cleaners. Cleaning items (including solutions, water, buckets, cleaning cloths and mop heads) should be changed after each use. These items should be washed in detergent and warm water, rinsed and stored dry between uses. 6. Mop heads should be laundered in a washing machine at high temperature and left to air dry after use
Additional Staffing	Considering the increase of service level, additional staffing is organised