

## FLOOR & CARPET

Floors are not a common source of transfer of infection.<sup>1</sup> They may, however be a source of pathogenic microbes and further spread may occur from this source. Routine disinfection of floors may therefore be preferred in certain healthcare settings. Disinfection is always important when floors are contaminated with body fluids. Avoid creating dust, mists, and aerosols when cleaning, which may spread infection.

### FREQUENCY

- ▲ As needed.

### PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- ▲ Wear disposable gloves while cleaning. Discard gloves after use.
- ▲ Wash hands frequently, before and after gloving with soap and water and/or and alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

<sup>1</sup> CDC Guidelines for Environmental Infection Control in Health-Care Facilities. Recommendations of CDC and the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC). 2003. Page 75.  
[http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/pdf/guidelines/Enviro\\_guide\\_03.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/pdf/guidelines/Enviro_guide_03.pdf)

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### PROCEDURE FOR SURFACES SOILED WITH BODY FLUIDS

#### *Carpet*

Area should be extracted to remove soil.

1. Spot test to assure product compatibility.
2. Apply product to affected area.
3. Wet vacuum or extract after application.
4. Slowly empty equipment as needed to avoid splashing.
5. Disinfect cleaning equipment with fresh disinfectant after machine is emptied.

#### *Solid Floors*

1. A damp mop is preferred to sweeping to prevent spread of dust.<sup>2</sup>
2. Avoid excessively wet mops to prevent creation of aerosols and splashing.
3. Clean less soiled areas first, and change solutions often if they become soiled.
4. Follow with disinfectant per label instructions.
5. Disinfect equipment after use, including laundering of reusable mop heads.

<sup>2</sup> WHO Interim Infection Control Guideline for Health Care Facilities.  
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