

STANDARD EQUIPMENT CLEANING AND DISINFECTION PROTOCOL

The Standard Equipment Cleaning and Disinfection Protocol outlines expectations related to the cleaning and disinfection of shared, mobile, non-critical devices immediately after use to prevent the spread of organisms.

This protocol applies to LHSC staff, individuals working at LHSC funded through an external source, learners, volunteers, and contract workers. These individuals are all “end users”.

These devices may include, but are not limited to, blood pressure cuff, glucometer, **wheelchair**, stretcher, and **mobile computing devices**. It *does not* include equipment or devices that are patient owned or dedicated to the patient/patient room that do not leave the patient care space, semi-critical and critical devices, or toys.



The end user of the equipment or device is responsible for cleaning immediately after use.

- Equipment cannot be left unwiped, placed in a hallway and labelled “dirty”
- Equipment transported between units/departments is wiped on the unit where it was last used before transport.
- Contaminated or potentially contaminated equipment is not transported throughout the organization.
- If there is uncertainty as to whether a piece of equipment has been wiped (i.e. wheelchair found in hallway), it should be considered contaminated and wiped immediately.
- Clean equipment should be put in a designated clean area

Wiping Procedure

1. **Must use LHSC approved disinfectant wipes** to clean and disinfect all high touch surface areas. Make sure that you only use the Accel INTERVention Wipes.
2. Remove a wipe from the container and wipe the surface of the item.
3. **If a device is heavily soiled, it may require double wiping.** One (or more) wipes are used to remove gross soiling and an additional wipe used to disinfect.
4. **Discard wipe** in garbage bin.
5. **Ensure the disinfectant contact time is observed** (the appropriate disinfection contact time is listed on the container).
6. **Ensure the wipe container lid is closed** so the product does not dry out.
7. **Perform hand hygiene.**

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Safety

Although gloves are not required for Accel INTERVention Wipes, a risk assessment is required prior to the task. If contact with gross soiling is expected, speak with unit/department staff.

Equipment found in common public areas (i.e. parking lot or entranceway) is considered contaminated and requires disinfection prior to patient use or storage. The LHSC individual that finds the abandoned equipment becomes the end user and is responsible for wiping.