

CLEANING

Advice for Facility Staff

In areas where people are unwell, use a disinfecting solution to wipe down surfaces. One of the most effective and cheapest solutions is a bleach solution of one teaspoon (5mL) of bleach to half a litre (500mL) of water.

In all areas of the facility increase cleaning of high touch areas such as door handles, telephones and computer keyboards. The same disinfecting solution can be used.

Put all used tissues and used PPE (masks, gowns, and gloves) into a disposable container such as a plastic bag that can be tied off. Empty full rubbish bags promptly.

Wash dishes and cutlery either by hand or machine using hot water. There are no special requirements for laundry during an influenza outbreak, continue your usual routine.

Source: Ministry of Health (2006). Infection Prevention and Control during an Influenza Pandemic. Wellington, Ministry of Health.