School Cleaning Decision Tree

Are you cleaning & disinfecting after someone was diagnosed with COVID-19?

YES

Has it been more than 7 days since the sick person was infectious at the school?

YES

No additional cleaning or disinfecting is needed

NO

Can you close off all areas that the sick person was in the last 24 hours?

YES

Close off areas used by the person who is sick for 24 hours. Open outdoor windows and doors for air circulation

NO

Close the building for 24 hours to protect health & safety of staff & students

NO

Are you cleaning after someone experienced COVID-19 symptoms?

YES

Follow EPA Guidance for Cleaning & Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes (ensure appropriate PPE usage)

NO

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NO

Vacuum if needed

• No other people should be in the room
• Turn off the in room/window ventilation and fans

Room can be reopened for use

Cleaning Playgrounds

Outdoor areas, like playgrounds in schools and parks generally require normal routine cleaning, but do not require disinfection.

• Do not spray disinfectant on outdoor playgrounds- it is not an efficient use of supplies and is not proven to reduce risk of COVID-19 to the public.
• High touch surfaces made of plastic or metal, such as grab bars and railings should be cleaned routinely.
• Cleaning and disinfection of wooden surfaces (play structures, benches, tables) or groundcovers (mulch, sand) is not recommended.

*Cleaning should occur at least daily or between uses as much as possible.

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