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Consideration of CDC and COVID-19 Guidelines on Cleaning & Disinfecting

Facilities Services is aware of the jointly developed guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on facility cleaning and disinfecting procedures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Throughout the crisis, all of Facilities Services led by Building Services has monitored and adopted evolving CDC recommendations.

The CDC has noted that risk of surface transmission of COVID-19 is low. As a continued precaution, Facilities Services will provide regular cleaning services across campus. High-touch surfaces and common areas are routinely cleaned. Facilities Services will also provide additional cleaning for areas where COVID-19 exposure may have occurred within the last 24 hours if the space cannot be closed for 24 hours. Classrooms will be cleaned nightly for the summer and fall semesters. In addition, safety practices in classrooms and instructional labs will include the use of sanitizing wipes and availability of hand sanitizer.

Common touch points are treated with a hospital-grade (quaternary) disinfectant. Once the disinfectant is dry, treated surfaces are tested to make sure they meet or exceed cleanliness standards before an Antimicrobial Surface Protectant is applied. Building Services will continue to treat common spaces on campus with an Antimicrobial Surface Protectant for longer lasting protection between regular cleanings. This product forms an antimicrobial shield which provides persistent, continuous, antimicrobial protection against a broad range of microbes even after the product has dried.

Facilities Services will continue to stay abreast of changing CDC and EPA guidance and will make adjustments where possible to the cleaning protocols on campus.

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