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Cleaning Recommendations

Winneshiek County Healthcare Providers upon the recommendations of the Iowa Department of Public Health have the following suggestions for cleaning for businesses and private homes due to the increase in respiratory illnesses.

- Regularly clean all frequently touched surfaces. This includes but is not limited to workstations, countertops, doorknobs, door handles, telephones, buttons in elevators, faucets and toilet flushers, and remote controls.
- Disposable wipes are useful so these surfaces can be cleaned frequently.
- A disinfectant that indicates it kills influenza and human coronavirus is effective. There are many different brands of effective disinfectants. Most often the one you currently purchase is sufficient.
- Provide tissues and no-touch garbage cans.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use a paper towel to dry your hands. An alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol can also be used. If using hand sanitizers, be sure to keep several in visible locations.
- As the weather warms up, you may wish to open windows to encourage fresh air exchange.
- Encourage staff and customers to stay home when they are ill, to cover their cough or sneeze and to frequently wash their hands.