

Staff Huddle: Contact Time - Week #1

What is the risk? Know where germs live to stop spread and protect clients and yourself. Germs can live on all types of surfaces and equipment.

- Contact Time
 - Contact time is the length of time a cleaning product stays on a surface. It is an important part to cleaning and disinfection
 - Also called “dwell time”
 - Refer to the manufacturer’s label for correct contact time for the surface.
 - Use the right contact time for every surface, including high-touch ones.
 - Don’t wipe dry, unless directed by labels instructions.



Staff Huddle: Cleaning- Week #2

Cleaning needs to happen before disinfecting.

- Important to clean before you disinfect.
- Some products are both cleaners and disinfectants, refer to the label for instructions and description of how to use properly.
- *First clean with soap or another detergent followed by a clear water rinse.*
- *Cleaning removes visible dirt, dust, spills, smears, and grime, including organic material like blood, as well as some germs, from surfaces.*



Staff Huddle: Disinfection - Week #3

The process of killing germs

- Important to use an EPA-approved cleaner for healthcare.
- If the surface has been wiped or disturbed prior to completion of dwell or contact time, you must assume the surface is not disinfected.



Staff Huddle Contact Time - Week #4

Important things to look for on a disinfectant label

- Is the product EPA-approved for healthcare?
- On which surfaces can the disinfectant be used?
- What germs has the disinfectant been proven to kill?
- Should the product be diluted?
- What is the contact time?

