Routine disinfection of high touch point surfaces is sufficient to destroy COVID-19, other viruses, and bacteria. As a reminder, only commercial, healthcare-grade (e.g. PDI Super Sani-Cloth® “purple top” wipes) disinfectants should be used. A list of approved disinfectants is available on the [EPA N-List of disinfectants for COVID-19](https://www.epa.gov/disinfectants/epa-n-list-disinfectants). As a reminder, hand sanitizer should be readily available in patient waiting areas, work rooms, break rooms and exam rooms. In addition, disinfection wipes should be available to accommodate recommended disinfection protocols. The following infection prevention guidance for specific WUSM clinical spaces has been reviewed and aligns with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

**Patient Waiting Areas:**

- High touch surfaces should be routinely disinfected once per clinic session. This includes wiping down chair (armrests), tables and reception counter tops.

- More frequent disinfecting might be needed when the space is occupied by young children and others who may not consistently wear masks, wash hands, cover coughs or sneezes, and if gross soiling occurs.

- Other high touch points: Credit card machines, tablets, keypads and touch screens should be disinfected at a minimum of once per clinic session and if gross soiling occurs.

- Take-home educational pamphlets can be made available in waiting areas. This does not include newspapers or brochures that are typically re-used between patients.

**Work Rooms:**

- High touch surfaces should be disinfected once per clinic session. This includes wiping keyboards, computer mouse, desktops/working surfaces, chairs (armrests), light switches.
• **Break Rooms:**

- Lunch tables should be disinfected after each use.

- Employees should not leave personal items (e.g. magazines, cell phone, etc.) on the table after leaving.

- Other high touch surfaces that includes chairs (armrests), countertops, light switches should be disinfected daily.

- Approved disinfection wipes (e.g. PDI Super Sani-Cloth® “purple top” wipes) should be made available. As a reminder, the wipe container needs to be closed after each use.

• **Exam Rooms:**

- Exam room table surface should be disinfected between each patient.

- Place an absorbent barrier pad (e.g. Chuck pad) to contain bodily fluids if doing a procedure.

- Gross spills of any potentially infectious body fluid should be disinfected in accordance with the [WUSM blood borne pathogen exposure control plan](#).

- High touch surfaces other than the exam table should be disinfected twice per day (a.m. and p.m.). This includes keyboards, computers, touch screens, counter tops, light switches, door knobs, chair (armrests) and if gross soiling occurs. Use a compatible disinfectant when cleaning electronics (e.g. keyboards, tablets, mouse).

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**Water Fountains & Water Dispensers**

- Water dispensers can be used again to fill water bottles and/or cups
  - Water fountains are still not allowed

- Coffee Machines
  - Carafes no
  - Dispenser machines where you push the button then yes

- All of these machines require a regular cleaning process be put in place to ensure the buttons and surfaces are wiped down at least daily

- Need to provide disposable cups

- Need to talk with facilities about flushing the water system to all water and coffee dispensers, given they have been idle for over a year.

Contact Infection Prevention @ 314-459-7560 for additional information.