

COVID-19 RESPONSE

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Workplace Cleaning

Cleaning is important to eliminate germs from the workplace that spread COVID-19. In addition to requirements of GLOBAL GAP and BRC, additional cleaning measures must be put in place to manage the spread of COVID-19.

Workplaces should implement a documented cleaning system specific for COVID-19 that includes

- Areas to clean
- Frequency of cleaning
- Maintain a cleaning log for designated cleaning areas
- Use correct PPE when cleaning

Cleaning products

Work areas and equipment should be cleaned using hospital grade and food-use approved disinfectant. They should contain

- Hypochlorite (which is the main active ingredient in bleach)
- Activated hydrogen peroxide (0.5%) or conventional bleach.
- Alcohol (ethanol or methanol) based

It is important that the cleaners and sanitisers used on any surface that come in contact with fruit do not leave residues on the fruit.

Products that contain quaternary ammonium compounds (QAC), didecyldimethylammonium chloride (DDAC) and benzalkonium chloride (BAC) should not be used as they can leave residues on fruit. Many sanitisers do contain these products. It is recommended that suppliers are asked for an analysis certificate prior to purchase.

Organic producers must use products that meet organic certification requirements.

PPE / Equipment when cleaning

Maintain good hygiene practices before and after cleaning and wear the required PPE:

- General cleaning – Wear tight fitting disposable gloves – dispose of gloves after use.
- Toilets – Long gloves, keep separate from other cleaning equipment until washed with water and detergent.
- Use disposable equipment if possible and place all used items in a bag, seal and dispose with general waste.

Cleaning areas and frequency

Kitchen, break room and food preparation areas - Benches, water taps and tables	Before and after each break
Shared surfaces – door handles, light switches, chairs	Daily

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Bathrooms and toilets	Daily
Hard surface floors – mop	Daily
Shared vehicles, tractors and forklifts - Door handles, steering wheels, seats	Each use
Rubbish bins – use removable bags in waste bins	Daily or when ¾ full