

COVID-19 RESPONSE

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Group / RSE Accommodation Cleaning

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 to others, good cleaning standards are required in accommodation sites. This includes using correct chemicals, appropriate frequency and PPE for cleaners.

Cleaning products

Cleaning products should contain either

- Hypochlorite (which is the main active ingredient in bleach)
- Alcohol (ethanol or methanol) based
- You could also just use conventional bleach at 0.1-0.2% in water
- Chemicals used in food preparation areas should be 'food grade'.

Laundry products should contain either

- Hypochlorite (which is the main ingredient in bleach)
- Activated hydrogen peroxide (0.5%) or conventional bleach.

PPE / Equipment when cleaning

Maintain good hygiene practices before and after cleaning /laundrying 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 and food preparation areas	Before and after each meal
Common areas – door handles, armrests, tabletops, light switches, water taps	Daily
Bathrooms and toilets	Daily
Hard surface floors - mop	Daily
Carpet floors – vacuum	Daily
Towels and bedding	Weekly
Rubbish bins – use removable bags in waste bins	Daily
Vehicles – handles, steering wheels	Every trip
Vehicles – floor surfaces / fabric seats	Weekly
Vehicles – exterior	As required