

# Seattle University Cleaning Protocols

## **CDC Guidance:**

Both cleaning (use of soap or detergent) and disinfection (use of a product or process designed to inactivate SARS-CoV-2) can reduce the risk of fomite transmission. To substantially inactivate SARS-CoV-2 on surfaces, the university custodial departments use disinfectant products that also contain cleaning agents, so they are designed to clean by both removing soil and inactivating microbes.

Based on available epidemiological data and studies of environmental transmission factors, surface transmission is not the main route by which SARS-CoV-2 spreads, and the risk is low. The principal mode by which people are infected with SARS-CoV-2 is through exposure to respiratory droplets carrying infectious virus. In most situations, cleaning surfaces using soap or detergent, and not applying disinfectant, is enough to reduce risk.

## **Cleaning Definitions:**

**Cleaning** refers to the removal of dirt and impurities from surfaces. The university custodial departments use chemicals that are designed to remove soil and help inactivate virus microbes.

**Disinfecting** refers to applying a EPA registered chemical to kill germs and viruses on surfaces.

## **Service Level and frequency:**

Currently the University staffing levels are at 100%. When no people with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 are known to have been in a space [cleaning once a day is usually enough](#) to sufficiently remove virus that may be on surfaces and help maintain a healthy facility.

**Offices:** University custodial staff will clean each office 1x weekly. Employees are strongly encouraged to clean and sanitize their own workspaces and personal items frequently. Trash cans in office suites and individual offices/workspaces will be emptied once a week when the office/workspace is cleaned (cleaning days vary across campus.) If you choose to empty your trash more frequently, please empty it into the trash/recycle can in the nearest break room or community trash/recycle collection area where they will be emptied daily.

**Clinical/Health Centers:** All spaces will be cleaned daily 5x per week

**Classrooms:** All spaces designated as classrooms will be cleaned (reset furniture, wipe down surfaces, vacuum, etc.) 2x per week. University custodial will apply disinfectant to all high touch surfaces in classrooms daily, 5x per week. Disinfecting wipes will be available inside or adjacent to classrooms for use between cleanings.

**Restrooms, Showers, Locker Rooms:** All spaces will be cleaned daily 5x per week

**Reception and Receptionist Areas:** All spaces will be cleaned daily 5x per week

**Conference Rooms/ Meeting Rooms/ Study Rooms:** All spaces will be cleaned daily 5x per week. Additional cleaning requests beyond daily cleaning can be sent via [work order](#). Please note an additional charge may be applied. For more information, contact Conference and Event Services.

**Faculty & Staff Lounges / Student Lounges & Dining Areas:** All spaces will be cleaned daily 5x per week.

**Auditoriums/Collegiums:** All spaces will be cleaned daily 5x per week.

**Hallways / Stairwells/ Elevators/ Lobbies/ Common Areas:** All spaces will be cleaned daily 5x per week.

**Entrance ways and Entrance Glass:** Will be cleaned daily 5x per week.

**Plexiglass separation shields** are installed in many areas across campus and are to be cleaned only with microfiber cloths and water so not to scratch them.

Additional guidance is available from the CDC: [Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility | CDC](#)