
Annex I Procedure for the cleaning and disinfection

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The key to minimizing contamination is to effectively disinfect commonly used locations and items.

It is important to make the distinction between cleaning and disinfecting.

Cleaning involves removing dirt and debris at a site or on a surface by using water and a detergent. Even if you thoroughly clean the surface with regular detergents, viruses are not eliminated and will be transmitted to the next person who touches the surface.

Disinfecting involves using a chemical product that prevents the spread of bacteria or viruses.

Use of household bleach and water solutions is a very effective method to fight viruses and must be used for disinfecting.

Regular household bleach is typically: 5.25% NaCl 50,000 ppm AvChl

To use: dilute 1 part bleach to 9 parts water for a 1:9, or 5 g/L solution (0.525% NaCl 5,000 ppm AvChl)

Use the instructions below to prepare a 1:9 solution:

- 1 liter (1000 mL) of bleach + 9 liters (9000 mL) of water
- 1 cup (250 mL) of household bleach + 9 cups (2250 mL) of water

Note: In order for the disinfectant solution to maintain an optimal potency, a new solution must be made daily.