

POLICY AND PROCEDURE  
COVID-19 HOUSEKEEPING CLEANING PRACTICE

**Department:** Nursing  
**Policy Initiated:** 4/2020

**Subject:** Housekeeping Cleaning Practice  
**Revised:**

**Mission Statement**

Seacrest Village, a quality adult health care community, is committed to providing comprehensive health care to its residents and members.

The owners, staff and volunteers are guided by our moral and ethical responsibility to our fellow man.

Seacrest Village will provide the services necessary to enhance the physical, emotional, recreational, social and spiritual needs of our residents, members, and family members.

**Vision Statement**

Seacrest Village will plan and develop a continuum of health care services for older adults in a community setting. We will affiliate, network and associate with other health service organizations to meet our goal of a seamless health care community.

**Objective:**

To provide guidance and maintain an on-going infection prevention and control program for both residents and employees during COVID-19 outbreak.

**Policy:**

Housekeeping- Outbreak cleaning practices to prevent the spread of infection.

**A. COVID-19 Cleaning Practices**

1. The use of an EPA registered cleaning product that is effective against the pathogenic organism.

**B. Common Areas**

1. Special attention is given to high contact surfaces in common areas. For example, hand rails, elevator buttons, and door knobs. High contact areas are cleaned by the housekeeping staff routinely morning, late afternoon and at night.
2. Bathrooms Residents are restricted to the use of their own bathrooms. The resident's bathrooms are cleaned daily and as needed if visibly soiled.
3. The use of common bathrooms by residents is restricted.
4. Staff bathrooms are cleaned daily by housekeeping and before and after each use by the staff. Disinfecting wipes are provided in each bathroom.

### **C. COVID-19 Specialized Unit Cleaning**

1. A designated cleaning cart and supplies will be utilized on the unit.
2. Isolation room will be disinfected and cleaned daily.
3. The housekeeping staff will be expected to donning and doffing PPE upon entering and exiting the room. The resident's room will have the mop head changed after each isolation room. The process of cleaning and mopping the room first then move to the bathroom last will be applied.
4. Special attention will be paid to high contact surface areas cleaning as frequently as possible.
5. High contact surface areas for example, door knobs, hand railings, phones, key boards. Nursing is responsible for follow up cleaning. Example cleaning of the computer key board or shower chair before and after use.
6. All trash from the Covid-19 unit is considered and handled like isolation trash and double bagged. It is transported in a covered bin that is exclusive to the trash and the unit then disposed of properly.