COVID-19 & REOPENING: YOUR BACK TO WORK CHECKLIST

With select states lifting their stay-at-home orders and allowing certain businesses to reopen, it’s time for some business owners, facility managers and HR departments to begin planning for reopening.

Using the CDC’s official guidelines, Commercial Cleaning Corporation created this checklist to help you develop, implement, and maintain a reopening plan, so your customers and employees can safely enter.

Step 1 | Develop a Plan

To begin, you need to determine what types of surfaces, materials, and objects your facility consists of.

**Determine what needs to be cleaned**
- Surfaces and objects that aren’t frequently touched should be cleaned, but don’t need to be disinfected
- If your office, school or other facility has been unoccupied for 7 days or more, it will only require routine cleaning to reopen
- If the area is outside, it will typically only need normal routine cleaning, not disinfection

**Determine what needs to be disinfected**
- Consult this list of EPA-approved disinfectants to determine what to use based on the material type
- Frequently touched surfaces like doorknobs, countertops, phones, keyboards, touchscreens and toilets will need routine cleaning and disinfection
- Soft and porous materials that aren’t touched frequently should be cleaned according to the item’s label, and rugs and seating may be removed or stored to reduce cleaning and disinfecting challenges

**Determine the resources and equipment you will need**
- Keep the availability of cleaners, disinfectants and personal protective equipment (PPE) in mind
- Always wear gloves that are appropriate for the chemicals being used
Step 2 | Implement Your Plan

Read the instructions for any cleaning and disinfecting products you use and put on appropriate gloves and PPE before getting started.

- Clean all visibly dirty surfaces and objects using soap and water
  - When you finish cleaning, wash your hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with soap and water

- Be sure to follow the instructions provided on the product label
  - Follow the instructions on the label for all cleaning and disinfecting products regarding concentration, dilution, application method, contact time and any other special considerations

- Use the appropriate cleaning or disinfectant product for your needs
  - Refer to the list of EPA-approved cleaners and disinfectants to determine what’s appropriate for your needs

Step 3 | Maintain and Revise Your Plan as Needed

Continue to follow this plan and make revisions based on updated federal, state and local guidance.

- Continue cleaning and disinfecting on a regular basis
  - Surfaces frequently touched by multiple people should be cleaned and disinfected at least once a day

- Maintain safe behavioral practices
  - Continue following safe behavioral practices such as social distancing, frequently washing hands, wearing cloth face covers and staying home if sick

- Consider practices that reduce exposure potential
  - Consider wiping public surfaces before and after you touch them

Don’t Confront COVID-19 Alone

With many people under one roof, it can be difficult to maintain a clean and sanitary workplace without help. At Commercial Cleaning Corporation, we utilize special tools to fight disease, including electrostatic disinfection technology, and stock a complete line of supplies, including hand soaps and sanitizing systems and disinfectant sprays and wipes. Let us help you keep your office, industrial facility or other commercial property clean and germ-free.

Get in touch with us today.

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