

Update on infection control/cleaning of the practice – Coronavirus /Covid-19

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The best weapon against the spread of infection, is to ensure a clean environment and clean hands. We need to work hard to ensure that all areas of the practice and equipment are kept hygienically clean. It has never been more important to ensure a safe and clean environment for our patients, staff and clients.

Cleaning and infection control is a shared responsibility, with all staff working collaboratively. With the risk of spreading the Covid-19 virus, we need to take extra steps with infection control to ensure risks are kept to a minimum.

What cleaning product should I use for general areas?

Most veterinary surface disinfectants will be able to kill Corona viruses (Covid-19).

Many disinfectants are tested to the latest EN Veterinary Test protocols for viruses under EN14675 against the hardest model non-enveloped virus ECBO virus. This is the standard required by ECHA (European Chemical Agency) for virucidal efficacy claims.

Coronavirus is an enveloped virus, which is easier to kill than a non-enveloped virus.

How often should we clean the consult rooms?

With Covid-19, the risk of contamination is from aerosol and transfer from touch/fomites.

- ✓ After each consult, ensure the consult room is ventilated as much as possible. The table and any hand touch sites must be wiped.
- ✓ Ensure all door handles are wiped with disinfectant.
- ✓ Wash your hands between cases.
- ✓ Ideally, leave the table and door handles damp with disinfectant, and allow for 5-minute contact time.
- ✓ Computer key boards should be wiped with a disinfectant wipe or clean tissue and disinfectant (ensure correct dilution and contact time used)
- ✓ Cling film can be applied to the key board and changed after each use.
- ✓ Wipe hand touch sites as regularly as you can, e.g. door, phone hand pieces.
- ! The NHS recommend that aerosol producing cleaning procedures should be avoided (disinfectant bombs)

How often should reception be cleaned?

- ✓ When clients are present, clean hand touch sites as often as possible (? hourly)
- ✓ Wipe front desk
- ✓ Computer key boards + Phone + Pens
- ✓ Door handles/push plates (inside and out) Including toilet door handles
- ✓ Hand gel pump action
- ✓ Dog scales (when used)
- ✓ Door handles, taps, and handle of toilet (for clients) as often as needed (if used)
- ✓ Clean and disinfect the floor at least twice a day
- ✓ Try and maximise ventilation (without allowing pets to escape!)
- ✓ Waiting room chairs, wipe with disinfectant at least twice a day

Using Disinfectant

- ! WEAR GLOVES & appropriate PPE
- ✓ Ensure correct dilution and contact time used
- ✓ Reduce aerosol spray bottle usage
- ! Avoid contact with skin, eyes and mouth. Use in a well ventilated area. Use appropriate PPE.

Example of a cleaning chart to be adapted for practice use

<h2 style="text-align: center;"><u>Consult Room Cleaning Chart</u></h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Please use a disinfectant wipe or disinfectant on tissue</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ensure the correct dilution and contact time of disinfectant</p>													
Location	Frequency												
Consult table	After each use												
Countertops	After each use												
Dog Scales	If used												
Cat scales	If used												
Computer keyboard	After each use												
Door handles (both sides)	After each use												
Ventilate room	After each use												



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Reception hand touch sites

Please use a disinfectant wipe or disinfectant on tissue

Ensure the correct dilution and contact time of disinfectant

	8am	9am	10am	11am	12	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm
Front door handle												
Reception desk												
Telephone												
Computer keyboard												
Pens												
Pump on hand gel												
Chairs												
Reception toilet (handles/taps etc if used)												

