

PDI/PVI CLEAN UP AND DISINFECTING PROCEDURES

The following information covers the procedures for cleaning up a Public Diarrhea Incident (PDI) and/or a Public Vomiting Incident (PVI), the disposing of contaminated waste material, and the final documentation necessary for appropriate record keeping of the event.

1. Isolate the area: The first thing to do is to offer assistance to the sick person. Then, get other people within a 25 foot radius away from the scene and restrict access to the area.

2. Cover the incident residue: Because microscopic particles from a sickness event can be carried in the air, it is important to get the site covered to keep it from spreading. Paper towels, plastic sheets or garbage bags, paper sacks, or anything that is non-porous should be used. The clean-up person should take care to avoid any direct contact with the actual spill.

3. Suit Up for personal protection: The person who is going to do the clean-up should prepare the disinfectant, and use the disinfectant according to the instructions (especially following contact time and concentration instructions). Remember to wash your hands prior to putting on Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). Then, put on gloves, a face mask, and any other necessary PPE.

4. Disinfect the scene: Place the spill material in a plastic bag and spray the soiled area with the disinfectant. Generous coverage of the primary spill, remember to disinfect the entire area within a 25 foot radius. Wash your hands and contact time is 10 minutes depending on which product you are using- READ THE LABEL.

5. Clean Up the Spill: After allowing the appropriate disinfectant contact time, use a plastic scraper to scrape the residue into the center. Scoop the material into the plastic bag. Tie the bag closed and place it inside a second garbage bag.

6. Disinfect Again: After you have removed the solid residue come back to the spill site and disinfect the entire area again. Allow the area to air dry. Many disinfectants also contain cleaning agents so that this can be the final step in the clean-up process.

The final step in the clean-up process is the removal of the Personal Protection Equipment. Remove the PPE and place in the second garbage bag and tie it closed. Then, WASH YOUR HANDS and if possible TAKE A SHOWER and CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES.

7. Documentation: Use an incident report form to document what actions were taken as a result of the PDI/PVI. Include information such as: the location of the incident, time and date, and procedures of the clean-up process. This information should be kept on file by the business for at least a year as documentation that everything possible was done to protect all people involved.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

