

## Cleaning Procedure for Vomiting and Fecal Incidents

### Step by step procedure for flat surfaces (floors, tables, sinks):

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**PURPOSE:** Vomit and feces may contain bacteria or virus that may cause illness that if not cleaned up properly, may spread and infect other staff or guests.

**GENERAL PROCEDURE:** Those responsible for cleaning up vomit and feces should protect themselves by wearing gloves and protective clothing (optional). The area should be cleaned of soil (remove solids and soak up liquid waste), sanitized, then rinsed.

#### Materials recommended:

Have these materials pre-assembled in a spill clean up kit:

- garbage bags and masking tape
- gloves – non-latex, disposable (vinyl, poly or nitrile)
- paper towels
- detergent solution
- water
- sanitizing agent such as bleach tablets (Presept, 0.5g sodium dichloroisocyanurate tablets) or 5% domestic liquid bleach
- signs, barrier tape (optional)
- protective clothing (optional)

#### Step-by-step procedure for flat surfaces (floors, tables, sinks):

- If required, control pedestrian traffic through the area by asking someone direct people away from the site, posting a sign, or putting up barrier tape.
- Put on 2 pairs of gloves†.
- Prepare the sanitizing solution by adding 10 bleach tablets to 500 mL of water, or ½ cup domestic 5% bleach (100 mL) to 1 Litre of water (final concentration is about 5000ppm)
- Open the garbage bag† and put near the spill site.
- Using paper towels or a sorbent material clean up the soiled material and excess liquid and place into the garbage bag.
- Put the outer pair of dirty gloves into the garbage bag.
- Pour detergent solution around the spill site, and use paper towels to move the liquid into the dirty area. Once the area is wet, use the paper towels to clean the area and discard into garbage.
- Cover the site with clean paper towels and pour the bleach solution onto the paper towels. Wait one minute.
- Remove the paper towels to the garbage bag.
- Rinse with water and dry the surface. Put all paper towels into the garbage bag.
- Remove the other pair of gloves and place into the garbage bag.
- Seal the garbage bag with tape. The garbage is ready for disposal.

† colour coding can be used to distinguish clean from soiled.