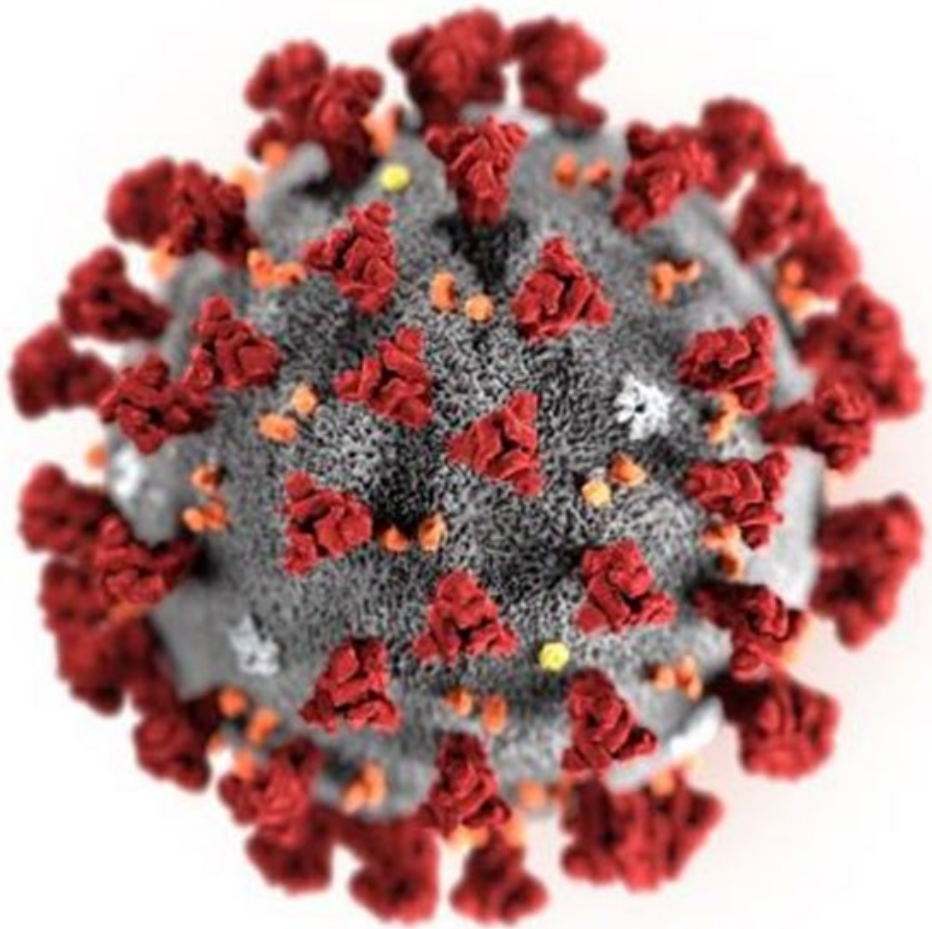
Cleaning for COVID: Successes and Pitfalls

PBS

Obligatory Disclaimers

- Information and guidance is changing rapidly
- Talking about solutions from real world school districts



High-Touch Surfaces

‘Surfaces that are touched by multiple people many times a day’

(Light switches, doorknobs, shared work surfaces, etc.)

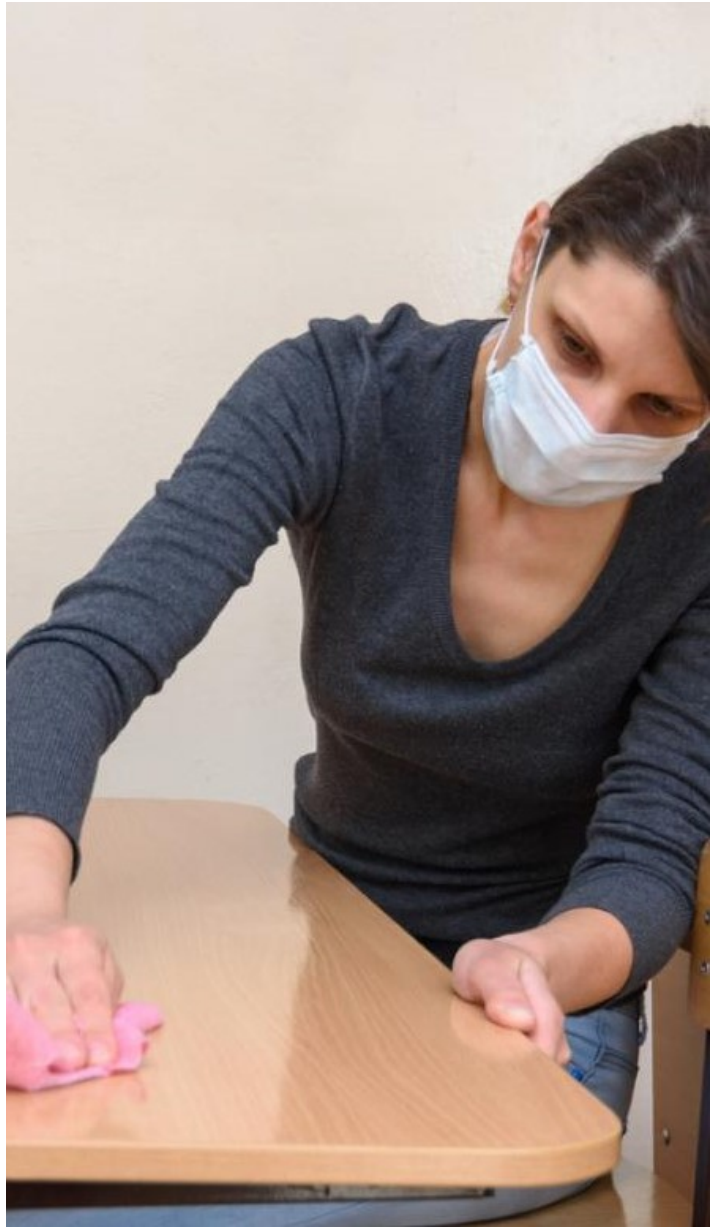
CDC: Should clean and disinfect at least daily or between use as much as possible.

High-Touch Surfaces

- How to manage the additional workload?
  - Must get assistance from non-custodial staff
    - Training
    - Early Involvement
  - Stay away from ‘safety blanket’ solutions.

High-Touch Surfaces

- CDC/DOH:
  - Should not let non-custodial staff use disinfectants.
  - Should not use disinfectants when room is occupied.
- Soapy water
- Many districts are having kids eat at desks. Are your disinfectants food-safe?
  - Use soapy water during day
  - Food-safe sanitizers/disinfectants at night



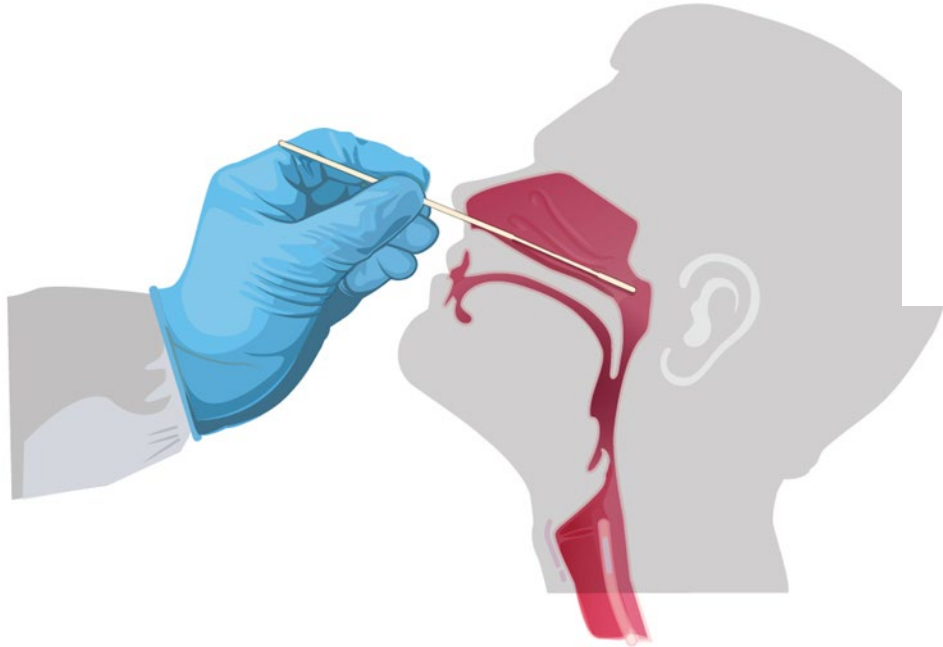
COVID: Response Trigger

What triggers a response action?

- Elevated temperature
- Confirmed case

Who to perform?

- In-house
- Contractor



COVID Response Actions

Identify impacted areas of the building

Close rooms

- Post signage/lock
- Wait as long as feasible

Keep HVAC running

- Increase outside air
- Open windows if possible

COOVID Response Actions

- PPE
- Clean THEN disinfect
  - Use scrubbing action
- HEPA vacuum
- Use disinfectant on food surfaces (rinse as necessary)
- Porous/hard-to-clean items

COVID Response Actions

- Bag waste and used cloths/mops
- Launder used cloths/mops using an approved detergent

QA/QC

- Surface/ air sampling for COVID
- ATP testing

Thank you!