

Standard Operating Procedure DISINFECTING GUIDELINE STATION DISINFECTING AND CLEANING- H1N1 INFLUENZA VIRUS	PEORIA FIRE-MEDICAL DEPARTMENT EMS 400.28 Rev. 05/26/2010 Page 1 of 1
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PURPOSE

To provide guidance and recommendations for station disinfection and cleaning for the current H1N1 influenza virus. This guideline is to be used in conjunction with SOP 400.24J.

Guidelines

Current information indicates that the H1N1 virus has the ability to exist in a contagious form on surfaces for a period of 3 to 9 days.

Disinfecting can be accomplished by utilizing any commercial disinfecting solution or disinfecting disposable wipes. The current disinfecting solution and disposable wipes utilized by the Department meet or exceed the recommendations of the CDC.

Soap and water, while suitable for hand washing, is not sufficient for surface disinfecting and should not be used.

The disinfectant should be allowed to dry completely before the surface can be considered disinfected.

Appropriate PPE, at a minimum of gloves, goggles, N95 mask and gown should be utilized when cleaning.

The station doors should be open to allow for effective ventilation while cleaning.

Thorough hand washing should be done at the completion of cleaning.

Clean uniforms should be donned at the completion of cleaning.

Soiled uniforms should be laundered at the station and not be taken home to launder.



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Reference: Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems and 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) for Management of Patients with Confirmed or Suspected Swine-Origin Influenza A (H1N1) Infection, Centers for Disease Control, April 30, 2009, http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance_ems.htm