COVID-19 Webinar for Ambulatory Health Care Accreditation

Q&A With The Joint Commission

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Question

Do ambulatory care settings have to have a respiratory fit program?

OSHA website: https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/respiratoryprotection/
Question

We are having to reuse our N95 mask, and are now concerned about a gown shortage. Do you have any guidance on how/what we can do to maintain safety?

FDA Medical Gowns (provides overview of gowns that may be helpful)
https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/personal-protective-equipment-infection-control/medical-gowns

FDA Surgical Mask and Gown Conservation Strategies - Letter to Health Care Providers

CDC Strategies for Optimizing PPE: Isolation Gowns
Question

Do the OR's and pre-op/PACU bays need to be terminally cleaned after every patient, including ceilings and walls?

Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Healthcare Settings Item number 10

Can you review guidance on how long an exam room must be “shut down” after caring for a COVID-19 patient? What if we obtained a specimen for COVID testing? How will this impact our ability to see patients?

Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control FAQs for COVID-19 Q: How long does an examination room have to remain vacant after being occupied by a patient with confirmed or suspected COVID-19?


Table B.1. Air changes/hour (ACH) and time required for airborne-contaminant removal by efficiency *

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Source:
https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/environmental/appendix/air.html#tableb1
Question

Do you have to wash your bedding in chlorine bleach or can you wash it with a nonchlorine bleach detergent?

EPA List of Disinfectants

https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2
Question

Do you recommend the use of HEPA filters or UV lighting to increase the number of air exchanges per hour in an operating room?

ASHE Filtration Section
https://www.ashe.org/covid-19-frequently-asked-questions
Question

How do you foresee precautions in office-based surgical centers to change in the post-COVID-19 world? Do you see any changes?


Thank You

We support your efforts in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and hope to provide helpful resources.
Resources

- COVID Resources
  - https://www.jointcommission.org/covid-19/

- Standards Interpretation
  - https://www.jointcommission.org/standards/standard-faqs/