

1 FACTS

Germs are pervasive in our environment and are easily spread through contact with others, surfaces and inhalation/ingestion.



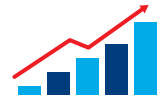
COMMON GERMS

- Norovirus
- Influenza
- Coronavirus
- Salmonella
- Hepatitis
- E-coli



TRANSMISSION

- Person to person via droplets through the air
- Bodily fluids (sweat, saliva, blood)
- Touching contaminated surfaces



STATISTICS

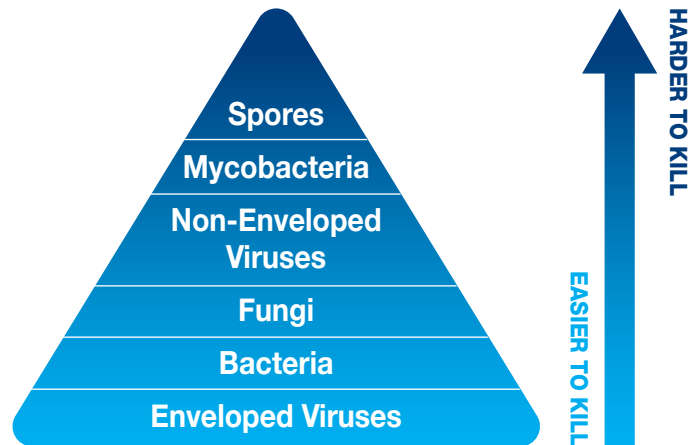
- 1 in 5 adults have the flu annually
- Norovirus causes 70,000 hospitalizations each year
- \$6.2B in lost work days due to employee illness

The Spaulding Classification System characterizes the difficulty to kill germs with disinfecting agents.

It is generally accepted that:

- ▶ Enveloped viruses are easier to kill.
These include: Influenza, Coronavirus and Hepatitis.
- ▶ Non-Enveloped viruses substantially more difficult to kill.
These include: Norovirus, Rotavirus.

The Spaulding Classification System



Did you know...

Residual soil can shelter germs

CLEANING... is removing soil from a surface

DISINFECTING... is killing/reducing germs that can cause disease, odors, spoilage.

You must clean AND disinfect!

- Most disinfectants do not effectively remove soil, if at all.
- Cleaning well removes soil where germs are found and can multiply.
- Cleaning well allows disinfectants to work more effectively.

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2 INFECTION PREVENTION



EDUCATE



Train employees and reinforce the importance of **staying home when sick**



Regularly communicate your sick policies, personal hygiene etiquette, and **proper infection control procedures**



During an outbreak, e.g., flu season, keep close to local/regional guidelines; **execute a plan that allows for business continuity**

ENCOURAGE GOOD HABITS



Handwashing
Frequently for at least 20 seconds – put posters up for reminders



Hand sanitizing
Provide hand sanitizing stations to enable ease of use.



Cover mouth & nose
When coughing or sneezing



Avoid close contact
Encourage social distancing behaviors

BREAK THE CONTAMINATION CYCLE



Do not allow germs to travel!



Clean + disinfect
Avoid cross contamination of tools like mop heads



Prioritize high touch surfaces



Use a TGA approved disinfectant
Follow label instructions

3 INFECTION CONTROL



PREPARE

Being ready for everyday infection control can help when an outbreak occurs.

- Have a written & posted plan for infection control.
- Ensure a stock of cleaning products, tools & supplies
- Train employees on PPE and keep it available



ESTABLISH

Consistent and frequent cleaning policies & procedures are critical.

- Proper cleaning and disinfecting procedures should be part of every employee's training plan.
- Managers are the role models – exhibit the behavior you want to see
- Post your policies and make them easily accessible



ENFORCE

Enforcing the "good behavior" of cleaning and disinfection can help ensure it's done right.

- Catch your employees cleaning and reward the actions
- Have frequent spot checks
- Train by doing – when you notice an improper procedure – correct it by showing the right way.