

Possible biosecurity ALERT—Exam Rooms and Areas

If a **contagious infectious disease is suspected** based on history, physical examination, and evaluation of previously performed laboratory work:

1. Close off exam room
2. Place a **“Do not use exam room, special disinfection required”** sign (make laminated copies available in all exam rooms).
3. **Notify AHT of the suspected agent and do not use the room** until an AHT has removed the sign indicating adequate cleaning/disinfection has occurred.
4. Clean and disinfect the exam room, all surfaces and equipment used for that patient according to the isolation protocol as outlined below.
5. Wear disposable booties, gloves and gowns while cleaning.
6. Remove gross contamination and place in isolation garbage identified with Yellow biohazard symbols
7. Use a **detergent solution**, such as Sunlight, to clean every surface by spraying and scrubbing room and contents.
 - a. Include the walls, counters, cabinets, floors, bowls used etc.
 - b. It is crucial that the detergent be used first to clean the examination room of any organic material.
8. Allow for drying. If this is not at all possible, squeegee the room and remove as much surface water as possible.
9. Every surface should be sprayed with _____ (disinfectant and strength) to kill the infectious agent of concern.
 - a. Include walls, counters, cabinets, floors, bowls used etc.
10. Leave the disinfectant _____ (manufacturer recommended contact time)
11. Following disinfection, staff member should change into clothes/scrubs and the dirty ones be treated as Isolation laundry.
12. Exam room may be used when dry from rinsing (if rinsing required)