



Preventing COVID-19 in Nursing Homes Overview – Housekeeping Compliance

Why Perform Cleaning Compliance Checks?

Routine checks of the quality of environmental cleaning are important

- Checks should be done to make sure cleaning is performed correctly
- Teach housekeepers about expectations, goals, and proper protocol
- Checklists can help enforce good housekeeping

How to Perform Compliance Checks:

• Visual Checks:

- Visual checks are quick and confirm that basic cleaning has occurred
- Housekeeping supervisor should check rooms after they are cleaned to make sure cleaning was done properly
- Check several rooms for each housekeeper at least once a week
- Look to be sure the room is visually clean and tidy, and that dirt, dust, spills, stains, and trash are removed

• Staff Observations:

- These observations are important to ensure proper disinfection occurs
- Use the “Housekeeping Skills Assessment” log to watch cleaning and disinfection
- Housekeeping supervisor should watch the housekeeper perform cleaning using a checklist for that area
- Observe cleaning for each housekeeper at least once a week
- Provide feedback and correction during the process

• UV Marker Monitoring:

- If available, use a UV fluorescent gel to check the quality of cleaning
- Housekeeping supervisor should place UV marks on high touch surfaces before cleaning occurs. Make sure to mark common surfaces that should be cleaned.
- Use a black light flashlight to see if the UV marker was removed after cleaning
- Show the housekeeper marks that were not removed
- See “Protocol – UV Marking” for more information