

**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