

# Influenza A Virus Preparation for Cleaning

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DAS Facilities has established the following checklist to prepare for the influenza season. Other agencies may use this as a tool; especially those agencies who are not located in a DAS owned building.

Although this checklist focuses on cleaning, the key to a healthy workforce is in the prevention. Agencies should focus on preventing the virus from spreading by using the standard prevention methods: stay at home when ill, cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing, wash hands often with soap and warm water, use hand sanitizer in between washing and avoid hand-to-mouth contact. Agencies can assist in this by providing hand sanitizer and tissue in common building areas.

## **For DAS owned buildings, DAS Facilities Operations and Maintenance has...**

- ✓ Selected a cleaning solution that is approved by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for disinfection of the Influenza A virus. A list of disinfectants approved for Influenza A can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/oppad001/influenza-disinfectants.html>
  - Obtained a large enough quantity to last the entire flu season.
  - Provided the MSDS for the product chosen. DAS Facilities has chosen to use Virex II 256. The material Safety data sheet should be made available to custodians and tenants. (available on the DAS website).
  - Obtained Personal Protective Equipment required by the MSDS in large enough quantities to last the entire flu season.
- ✓ Prepared a cleaning procedure for custodians to follow when cleaning individual work stations, common areas or an entire building.
- ✓ Worked with the DAS State Procurement Office to establish a list of contractors who could be hired to perform large scale cleaning (entire buildings) if needed.
- ✓ Established a plan to reopen a building if the entire building has been closed due to influenza

## **For agencies in non-DAS owned buildings, verify with the building owner...**

- ✓ Contact your building owner and custodial services provider and discuss at a minimum the four above items. They should have a comprehensive plan in place to deal effectively with these issues.

If you need to request cleaning in a DAS owned building, contact the DAS Facilities Operations & Maintenance Help Desk at 503-378-3664.

For more information on O&M's role in cleaning and disinfecting of the Influenza A virus, consult the DAS website or contact Dean Freeze, Custodial Manager, DAS Facilities O&M at 503-378-4457.