



PROJECT FIRSTLINE

CDC's National Training Collaborative for Healthcare Infection Control

In healthcare, we have patients who are ill or weak. Germs are more likely to cause problems in these patients, because their immune defenses may not be the same as someone who is healthy and living at home.



Cleaning

- Removes things like dust, dirt, spills and everyday messes from surfaces, along with some germs

Disinfecting

- Kills germs

Don't wipe surfaces to dry them faster

Don't blow on surfaces to dry them faster

Contact Time

- Also called "wet" time or "dwell" time
- The amount of time a disinfectant needs to sit on a surface without being wiped away or disturbed, to kill germs

Only use cleaning and disinfecting supplies approved by your facility