South Dakota
Department of Health



WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE

Module 4
Cleaning and Disinfection

Looks Clean. Is it?



Cleaning: Removing dirt, body fluids, and other material from surfaces using water, a cleaning product, and friction.

Disinfection: Using a chemical product to kill or inactivate germs on surfaces. Surfaces must stay wet for the contact time listed on the product.



WATCH

Cleaning and Disinfection

As you watch, look for the sequence and technique: removing soil, using the correct product, and giving the disinfectant the time it needs.

Click here: Near Life Creator™

Video used with permission from Alaska Project Firstline

1. **What is the difference between cleaning and disinfection?**

   Cleaning removes soil. Disinfection kills germs.



2. **Why use a systematic approach to cleaning?**

   Helps reduce risk of missing surfaces and recontamination.

3. **Where do we learn how long a surface must stay wet?**

   The product label.

Follow a systematic approach when cleaning and disinfecting.

LOOKING CLEAN ISN'T THE FINISH LINE.

The right process is what makes the difference.

- *Clean first, then disinfect.*
- *Top to bottom, outside to inside.*

UP NEXT

WHEN ROUTINE ISN'T ENOUGH

What happens when the situation changes?



Thank you for watching.

WHAT YOU CAN'T SEE

An EVS Microlearning Series.

This educational program is sponsored by the South Dakota Department of Health HAI/AR Program.

This project is supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award totaling $1,777,753 with 100 percent funded by CDC/HHS. The contents are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by CDC/HHS, or the U.S. Government. Award Number 6NU50CK000512-03-02.