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SECTION: Infection Control	
POLICY AND PROCEDURE: Decontamination of Surfaces	Approved date: _____ Approved by: _____ Effective date: _____ Revised date: _____ Revised date: _____

POLICY:

The site will follow decontamination procedures on contaminated surfaces according to Cal-OSHA Standards, 8 CCR §5193; CA H&S Code §118275. The site will utilize products from the Current EPA product lists and information available from the EPA, Antimicrobial Division (703) 305-1284 or (703) 308-0127.

PROCEDURE:

I. ROUTINE DECONTAMINATION

- A. Contaminated work surfaces are decontaminated with an appropriate disinfectant (29 CFR 1910.1030). Written “housekeeping” schedules have been established and are followed for regular routine daily cleaning. Staff is able to identify frequency for routine cleaning of surfaces and equipment, the disinfectant used and responsible personnel.

II. SPILL PROCEDURE

- A. Staff is able to identify procedures for prompt decontamination of blood/body fluid spills, the disinfectant used, and the responsible person(s).

III. DISINFECTANT PRODUCTS

- A. Products used for decontamination have a current EPA-approved status. Product will effectively kill HIV/HBV/TB. If manufacturer’s product label indicates it will kill TB, it is understood that product will effectively kill HIV and HBV. Decontamination products are reconstituted and applied according to manufacturer’s guidelines for “decontamination.”

IV. 10% BLEACH SOLUTION

- A. If 10% bleach solution is used, it is changed/reconstituted **every** 24 hours (due to instability of bleach once mixed with water). Surface is cleaned prior to disinfecting [due to presence of organic matter (e.g., dirt, blood, excrement) inactivates active ingredient, sodium hypochlorite]. Surface is air dried or allowed appropriate time (stated on label) before drying. Manufacturer’s directions, *specific* to every bleach product, are followed carefully.