

Temporary guidance on the level of cleaning needed in relation to Covid-19					
PATIENT SITUATION	(1) In-patient has a new Covid-19 positive result in a bay/ room. This could result in other patients being flagged as exposed with an exposure date assigned to them	(2) Exposed patients transferred/ discharged from a bed space/ room within 14 days of their exposure date	(3) Positive patient remains in same bed space and 14 days have elapsed since their symptom onset/ positive result	(4) Exposed patient remains in same bed space and 14 days have elapsed since day of exposure	(5) Outbreak situation in bays/ wards and in preparation for opening the ward
ACTION REQUIRED	Once positive patient has been transferred, terminally clean their bed space only. This includes curtain change for their bed space only	Terminally clean their bed space/ room only with curtain change	No further actions needed in relation to what is already in place (Trust Standard). If this same patient is transferred/ discharged after 14 days then standard clean needed (no curtain change)	No further actions needed in relation to what is already in place (Trust Standard). If this same patient is transferred/ discharged after 14 days then standard clean needed (no curtain change)	If situations (1-4) are worked through then no extra actions should be necessary in preparation for opening
SUPPORTING INFORMATION	Covid-19 may be present in the immediate bed-space environment as droplet transmission/ in-direct on hands	The patient could be incubating and asymptotically shedding CoVid-19 into their immediate environment (Droplet/ Indirect)	Patient no longer infectious. A standard discharge clean is sufficient	Patient no longer at risk of developing infection (14 days have elapsed). A standard discharge clean is sufficient	

Trust Standards already in place:

- In-patient areas receive a daily clean with Chlorine- based disinfectant
- Healthcare workers support with de-cluttering so tables/ surfaces can be cleaned and they support with cleaning ‘nursing’ equipment as per Trust guidance (see cleaning audit for breakdown)
- Clinell Green Sanitising wipes are effective against CoVid-19

