Quarantine and isolation process brief: General cleaning

Description	Process for cleaning general use areas across the quarantine site (not for red or orange resident zones).
Aims	- General use areas in the quarantine are kept clean and hygienic for staff. - Site general cleaning is conducted effectively to remove the number of infectious particles that may be present on a surface.
Related toolbox sections	Section 2 Infection prevention and control: 2.8
Process Considerations	A combination of cleaning chemicals, cleaning equipment and cleaning techniques is required for effective cleaning outcomes. Frequently touched areas such as bench tops, shared computers, door handles, light switches, toilets, and taps need to be cleaned more regularly and then disinfected. Disinfectants are recommended to contain 70% + alcohol, or hydrogen peroxide (oxygen bleach) or sodium hypochlorite (chlorine bleach) to be effective on hard surfaces.

General Cleaning Process

Task	Process	Core Points
Provision of cleaning products	- Each area within the quarantine site has a set of designated cleaning equipment to avoid cross-contamination. - All cleaning chemicals are stored safely according to their individual guidelines and the date the product is opened is clearly written on the product or accompanying auditing documents. - Personal protective equipment (PPE) is provided if required for certain product use (such as gloves).	- Designated cleaning products - PPE provided
Cleaning technique	Any hazards in the area are identified and cleared prior to cleaning commencing (for example water spills).	Clean to dirty technique

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	- The appropriate times are allocated for the area to be cleaned (for example cleaned whilst staff are out of the office). - Cleaning is completed from clean to dirty areas. - Low-touch or lightly soiled areas are cleaned before high-touch or heavily soiled areas. - Cleaning proceeds from high-reach surfaces to low-reach surfaces.