

**PROTOCOL FOR CLEANING THE AMBULANCE AFTER TRANSPORTING
CORONA SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED PATIENTS**

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Cleaning transport vehicles are important since virus can remain on surfaces.

Preparation

- Ambulance should be cleaned in a designated area preferably sunlit and adequately ventilated and away from traffic
- All doors should be kept open to allow sufficient air exchange for 5-10 min
- Should be performed by a trained healthcare worker
- The HCW should wear full PPE (heavy duty gloves, gown, boots, surgical masks, impermeable apron, a facemask and a face shield or goggles if splashes or sprays during cleaning are anticipated. Donning of PPE should be done appropriately
- Blood and body fluid spills inside the ambulance should be cleaned first (see spill management protocol below)

Cleaning

- Cover the monitors of equipment (e.g. ECG monitors) with tissue, paper or polythene.
- Patient compartment in the ambulance (roof, sides, shutters, floor, patients trolley, stretcher, seats, oxygen tank, sucker bottle, etc.) should be sprayed with 0.1% hypochlorite and leave for 10 min.
- Floor should be wiped with a sponge wiper
- All other areas should be wiped with a separate sponge wiper
- Electronic equipment which can be damaged by hypochlorite (eg: monitors etc.) should be sprayed with 70% alcohol and wiped with a separate sponge wiper
- All door and window knobs (outside and inside) should be sprayed with 0.1% hypochlorite. Leave for 10 min and wipe off with a sponge.
- Ambulance can be cleaned with a general purpose detergent and water in the routine way after the procedure

After Cleaning

- After cleaning, outer surfaces of spray bottles should be wiped with 0.1% hypochlorite and stored in separate place
- All sponge wipes should be sun dried and stored
- Doffing of PPE should be done accordingly and discard in to a yellow bin
- HCW should bath with soap and water

Spill management

- Wear full PPE
- Cover the spill with absorbent material (wadding) adequate enough to soak all the spill
- Pour 1% hypochlorite in to it
- Leave for 10 min
- Remove with a dust pan in to yellow bag
- Then clean with a general purpose detergent using a dedicated cleaning equipment