

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL COVID- 19 COMMITTEE

Bulletin #32: COVID-19 – ID-IPC – Cleaning and Disinfection of Non-Critical Patient Care Equipment – Apr 28 2020

Cleaning of Reusable Equipment in COVID-19 Patient Rooms

All reusable equipment should be dedicated to the use of the patient with suspect or confirmed COVID-19 infection. If this is not feasible, equipment should be cleaned and disinfected with a hospital grade disinfectant before each use on another patient.

For example, the following steps are recommended to clean designated stethoscopes before and after use

- Enter the room wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Do not touch anything prior to cleaning the stethoscope
- Clean entire stethoscope using a hospital grade cleaner/disinfectant wipe prior to use
- Before leaving the room, clean the stethoscope with a hospital grade cleaner/disinfectant wipe
- Place the stethoscope back to designated storage area