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## Outbreak Prevention

### Best Practices for Tackling an Outbreak

Disease outbreaks can arise suddenly, often leaving little time to prepare your facility, staff and patrons. Although you can't predict an outbreak, the good news is there are steps you can put in place to help prevent and control outbreaks.

There are three important steps you can follow in your facility to help prepare to combat an outbreak: **Plan, Confirm and Control**

### Before: Planning for an Outbreak

Planning for an outbreak before it happens is a crucial first step. Establish an Outbreak Management Team (OMT) before an outbreak hits, so that it can be assembled as soon as possible when needed. The purpose of an OMT is to determine when an outbreak is occurring, assess and monitor the situation and make decisions on how the outbreak should be handled.

The second step in the planning process is to conduct a risk assessment to determine how a disease outbreak may affect your facility, including absences. Analyze absenteeism patterns at each level to establish a baseline. Then, determine what level of absenteeism will disrupt day-to-day operations.

### During: Confirming an Outbreak

To confirm an outbreak is in progress, assess the number of cases of illness-related absences to determine if it meets the criteria established by the Outbreak Management Team.

After confirming a suspected outbreak, verification needs to occur. Based on facility type this can be done using laboratory results, otherwise monitor for similar symptoms among illness-related absences. Next is setting the case definition. This includes determining the type of illness, the location of suspected exposure, when exposure is believed to have occurred, symptoms and the population at risk.

### During: Controlling an Outbreak

Once an outbreak has been confirmed control measures need to be put in place. This includes treating illnesses, proper use of PPE, employee education on coughing and sneezing etiquette as well as when to stay at home if feeling ill. Cleaning and disinfecting should also be ramped up during an outbreak, especially on common touch points in areas such as restrooms and common areas. One critical aspect of outbreak control is **education**, especially on hand hygiene and proper hand washing practices.

One of the most powerful ways to prevent outbreaks is to add electrostatic disinfecting to your cleaning protocol. The advantage of electrostatic technology is that it reaches all surface areas – fronts, backs and sides – with positively charged particles that uniformly coat and disinfect even the hardest to reach areas. The Clorox® Total 360® system, available exclusively from Bunzl Canada, is widely used in institutional, educational, commercial and professional athletic facilities across Canada.

**Need to know more?** Ask one of our local Cleaning & Hygiene specialists for help and advice!

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## Outbreak Prevention Essentials

### PURELL® Advanced Gel Sanitizer

PURELL® Advanced Hand Sanitizer kills more than 99.9% of most common germs that may cause illness.

Canada's number one hand sanitizer brand has been proven to reduce absenteeism due to illness between 20%-40% when used as a component of a proper hand washing program.



Product 7 cXY.  
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### SURETOUCH Gloves™

SURETOUCH™ provides durability and performance – at exceptional value. Available in high quality Nitrile, Vinyl and Latex, these gloves come in a range of sizes for proper fit, comfort and flexibility. Try them and see why SURETOUCH™ is the right choice for hard working hands - hands down. These disposable gloves are designed to deliver.



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### DEB Refresh™ Handsoap

Newly reformulated, Refresh products are designed to create a pleasant hand washing experience. Specially formulated with the mildest preservatives, it's gentle on hands while removing over 99% of germs with one pump when used properly. Compared to traditional lotion soap, one pump of Refresh soap requires 36% less product and 45% less water, making it a cost effective hand soap option.



### Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes

Clean and disinfect 99.9% of germs in one easy step! Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes kill cold & flu germs and can be used to disinfect, sanitize and deodorize. NOTE: To disinfect, wipe the surface and leave wet for 4 minutes. To sanitize wipe down surfaces and leave wet for 10 seconds.



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## Dear Dusty,

The floors in the gymnasium in my school are looking dull and need a refresh to brighten them up during the winter months. What is the best process and time to clean the wood floors to maximize results?

- Leo

## Dear Leo,

Keeping high traffic floors clean during the winter months can be challenging, especially with the additional salt and debris tracked in from outdoors, which leaves floors looking dull and makes scratches more noticeable.

Wood floors can be a particular challenge, but you can have them looking brand new by applying the following steps from Avmor to a previously sealed wood floor:

### 1. Remove any sticky residue, followed by dust mopping:

Thoroughly sweep away noticeable dirt and debris, which will help prepare the area for cleaning.

### 2. Scrub and re-coat:

Prepare the floor with a restorer, followed by a residual-free, heavy duty wood floor cleaner.

### 3. Application:

Apply one coat of cleaner in thin, even coats, always in the direction grain of the wood.

### 4: Maintain:

Dust mopping is required at least once per day or more if necessary.

With regular maintenance wood floors will remain shiny, scratch and scuff free for up to a year!

## Avmor® Wood Floor Cleaning



Avmor® Wood Floor Cleaners use a polycarbonate technology to increase floor finish performance. This low odour, VOC-compliant product bonds with any existing coating that is in good condition. With this fast drying formula, wood floors are ready for play within one day!

Ask our Cleaning & Hygiene experts about this great alternative to traditional Urethane!

## How to Handle Bio-Hazardous Spills

Each year, a staggering number of people are injured in slip and fall accidents. These accidents can not only affect employees, but also the general public, especially in high traffic facilities.

One of the most common causes of trips, slips and falls are from wet floors due to weather or fluid spills.

While spills in any environment should be cleaned promptly, bodily fluid spills require urgent attention and specialized cleaning. In healthcare facilities, this is of paramount importance due to the potential risk of cross contamination.

Taking quick action to clean up bodily fluid spills is vital:

1. Secure spill area, gather equipment and put on PPE
2. Apply disinfectant solution to affected area

3. Absorb biohazard spill with paper towel and clean until all solids are removed
4. Dispose of paper towel in red biohazard bag
5. Re-apply disinfectant solution and ensure you allow proper contact/dwell time for the disinfectant
6. Dispose of paper towel in red biohazard bag
7. Remove PPE
8. Wash hands thoroughly

**Rubbermaid's Bio-hazard Spill Mop** makes cleaning a spill quick, easy and effective. It absorbs spills quickly and easily, with no drips or leaks. Used with the safe release handle, this new product helps to prevent cross-contamination during cleanup and disposal and helps facilities comply with health and safety standards.

**Ask us** how the Rubbermaid Spill Mop can improve health and safety in your environment.

### Rubbermaid Bio-Hazard Spill Mop

A convenient solution to quickly clean up liquid spills. It includes a mountable and compact Spill Mop Storage Cabinet, 1 pack of 10 Biohazard Spill Mop Pads, and 1 extendable Spill Mop Handle. The spill kit can be mounted on most wall surfaces for quick and convenient access in the event of spills. This mop kit is highly absorbent, leaving no drips or leaks and safe disposal features, areas with spills are left clean and dry in minimal time.



## Taking Robotic Cleaning to the Next Level

Maintaining a clean facility is not only about appearance and creating a good impression, it's also about ensuring health and safety in your facility.

At the University of Calgary, innovation is of the utmost importance in their efforts to take cleaning to the next level and enhance the service provided to the campus community.

That's why the Environmental Team at U of C chose to trial the autonomous Nilfisk Liberty SC50 - with exceptional results.

In addition to improving cleaning standards, introducing the new robotic machines allowed staff to increase their skill sets and manage more tasks in-house.

The benefits of using robotic machinery has been documented in a case study in partnership with Nilfisk.

The case study tested having the machine running during the night shift to minimize disruption on campus during peak hours. Daily reports allowed the Environmental team to evaluate cleaning effectiveness and improve service levels on campus.

Incorporating robotic cleaning has also allowed continuous improvement, thanks to robust tracking analytics and customizable programs. By using automation technology, the university found that resources can be reallocated to other areas for optimal coverage of all areas of campus cleaning.

The **Nilfisk Liberty SC50** is a proven performer. **Read the case study** and ask our experts to arrange a demonstration.

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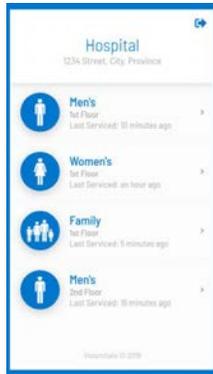
### Nilfisk Liberty

Nilfisk bridges the gap between human operation and robotic autonomy.

The Nilfisk Liberty floor cleaning robot has advanced sensors paired with image interpretation technology to independently map sites, plan operational routes and execute your floor cleaning routine with unerring precision and accuracy. Its learning capabilities allow users to safely and easily program its operation with minimal supervision.



## Product Innovation Showcase



### WandaMOBILE™ Intelligent Restroom Monitoring App

Leverage predictive analytics to increase labour efficiency and reduce costs and waste.



### Avmor® Heavy Duty Resin Cleaner

Some resin and plant matter deposits are just too difficult for the average cleaner to handle. RESIN8 XTRA Heavy Duty Resin Cleaner has been specifically developed to penetrate deep into deposits and break them up at the core. Perfect for tackling your worst resin and oil build-up, this product makes quick work of the toughest job. Whether you need to clean trimming machines, blades, scissors, extraction units or anything else with this hard to clean deposit, RESIN XTRA is the answer.

## New Products, New Services and More

Bunzl Cleaning & Hygiene strives to continuously be first-to-market with new innovations and products. Our 2020 Innovation Showcases across Canada bring our top vendors, top products and subject matter experts together for single day events to demonstrate the latest technology best suited for your facility needs. We know one size doesn't fit all. Let us show you how we can create a unique solution that's just right for your business.

Look forward to an Innovation Showcase near you!

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