

LONG-TERM CARE

CORRIDORS

Most residents are frail and aged, but not bedridden, although often using canes, walkers, or wheelchairs. Stays are relatively long, the majority for life. Trying to maintain a home-like atmosphere for vulnerable elders while keeping them safe is not an easy task. Many residents will venture out into the corridors throughout the day for activities. The corridors in Long-Term Care settings need to follow cleaning and disinfecting protocols to keep residents safe and healthy.



PARTNERS IN PROTECTION

KEEP THEM CLEAN

The crowded nature of corridors and the fact there are unique high-touch surfaces demands an intense focus on hand washing and sanitizing.



Restroom Sinks

Residents who use the restroom should be reminded to wash their hands before reentering the corridors.



Hallway Dispensers

Place a wall mounted or floor stand hand sanitizer dispenser on each end of all major hallways.



Frequent Washing

Residents should be encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands at least once per passing period.



Signage

Post signage reminding Residents and staff the proper way to clean or sanitize hands. Always follow CDC recommendations.



EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

Everyone will be asked to play an active role in keeping the corridors clean and healthy. Many of the corridors cleaning/ sanitizing/ disinfecting responsibilities will fall to a staff member, who may be asked to wipe high-touch items and areas. Residents, if able should also be prepared to take a wipe from a dispenser located in a designated location and wipe the seating area adjacent to the corridors.

UNIQUE HIGH-TOUCH ITEMS

- The surface of handrails do have to be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly on a periodic basis.
- Consider turning off water fountains altogether or converting them into refillable water bottle stations.
- If water fountains remain operational, Residents must wash or sanitize their hands following use.