

HALLWAYS

It is no secret that hallways can be crowded places at various times of the day. Facilities should do everything they can to limit interaction in hallways and otherwise provide a safe environment. The possible presence of water fountains adds a high-touch item that needs to be considered. It all adds up to increased risk.



PARTNERS IN PROTECTION

KEEP THEM CLEAN

The potential for hallways to be crowded and the presence of unique high-risk surfaces demands an increased focus on hand washing and sanitizing.



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Clean Hands

Occupants who use the restroom should be reminded to wash their hands before reentering the hallway.



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Hallway Dispenser

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



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Hand Rail Hygiene

Hand rails are the most evident high-touch item and should be disinfected three times per day.



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Signage

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



HIGHLIGHTING HALLWAYS

While most occupants will not spend a lot of time in hallways, they present risk due to the fact that multiple individuals may touch surfaces and items over the course of the day. Cleaning and disinfection is certainly important but effective hand hygiene can go a long way toward minimizing risk. By ensuring that occupants take advantage of the hand sanitizer dispensers located in or near hallways, facilities can reduce the likelihood of transmission.

UNIQUE HIGH-RISK ITEMS

- Hand rails present a significant risk of transmission. Make sure they are routinely disinfected. Disinfect 3-4 times per day.
- Light switches can be another high-touch item. Leave lights on at all times to reduce risk.
- Consider turning off water fountains altogether or converting them into refillable water bottle stations.
- If water fountains remain operational, strongly encourage users to wash or sanitize their hands following use.
- Consider making a canister of wipes available for occupants to use on furniture that is located in or adjacent to a hallway.