

Pop Quiz: What is Cleaning, Disinfecting?

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HAMILTON, OH -- Often cleaning professionals confuse or misunderstand what the terms "cleaning," "disinfecting," and "sterilization" mean as they pertain to facility services.

Cleaning equipment manufacturer Kaivac Inc. offers the following quiz to test your knowledge on the subject:

- The term "cleaning" usually refers to:
 - Removing contamination
 - Reducing contamination
 - The removal of visible soil
 - The same as "sterilization"
- What is the most important step in disinfection/sterilization?
 - Decontamination
 - Cleaning
 - Applying disinfectant
 - None of the above
- Which of the following is correct?
 - One can sterilize without cleaning
 - One can clean without sterilizing
 - One can disinfect without cleaning
 - All the above are correct
- The purpose of cleaning and rinsing is to
 - Remove visible debris
 - Reduce the number of microorganisms
 - Disinfect items for subsequent sterilization
 - a and b above



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5. Fresh cleaning solution used to mop a floor becomes contaminated
 - a. If the mop head and bucket have not been properly cleaned before use
 - b. Once approximately 200 square feet of floor area has been mopped
 - c. The first time the used mop head is placed in the fresh cleaning solution
 - d. As long as the cleaner is a disinfectant, the solution does not become contaminated

6. To reduce the growth of microorganisms, the room temperature in a school or medical facility should be relatively
 - a. High
 - b. Low

7. To help remove contaminates from surfaces after using a no-touch or spray-and-vac cleaning system, cleaning professionals should
 - a. Use the built-in vac system to vacuum-up the solution and rinse water
 - b. Squeegee all horizontal surfaces
 - c. Wipe down all surfaces with cleaning cloths or microfiber
 - d. The contaminants are removed in the cleaning process

8. If using buckets and cleaning clothes to clean restrooms or potentially contaminated areas, how often should the cleaning solution and tools be changed?
 - a. After two to four restrooms/areas are cleaned
 - b. Each day
 - c. After each restroom/area is cleaned
 - d. Weekly

9. When compared to mop and bucket floor care, an advantage no-touch or spray-and-vac cleaning systems have when removing contaminants from tile floors is?
 - a. They can penetrate porous floor areas, removing contaminants, especially in hard to reach areas

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- b. They use less water
- c. Studies indicate they are faster than traditional cleaning methods
- d. Both a & c

10. The purpose of decontamination is to

- a. Remove soil
- b. Remove bacteria and microorganisms
- c. Make devices safe for those not wearing gloves
- d. All the above

Answers

- 1. c
- 2. b
- 3. b
- 4. d
- 5. c
- 6. b
- 7. a
- 8. c
- 9. d
- 10. b

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