

Disinfecting of Student Personal Equipment

As schools prepare their plans for cleaning and disinfecting one thing to keep in mind is the equipment used by students with disabilities.

Schools should have in place a plan for the continuous disinfecting and cleaning of student's personal equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, and scooters, as well as any other type of mobility device used within the school setting. The cleaning protocols and plans can be discussed during the student's case conference committee meeting, 504 team meetings, or during the development of a health plan.

If a student utilizes a piece of equipment or assistive technology and it is touched by different people, the equipment especially the keyboards, touch screens, handles, and armrests should be cleaned between individuals touching the equipment. For students with more significant health needs, their equipment should be thoroughly cleaned by staff trained in the process of disinfecting and cleaning.

Schools should limit the use of sharing equipment provided by the school. This would help reduce the amount of contact between students and reduce the possibility of the virus being spread.

Schools should develop a plan with parents on the cleaning and contact of the equipment as provided by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC.

Parents have the option to send their own equipment to school daily and can ensure the equipment is cleaned at home in addition to the cleaning conducted at school.