Cleaning and Disinfecting for Illness Prevention at UNH

Cleaning
Removing germs, dirt, and impurities from surfaces. Cleaning does not kill germs, but by removing them, it lowers their numbers and the risk of spreading infection.

Disinfecting:
Killing germs on surfaces with chemicals. This process does not necessarily clean dirty surfaces or remove germs, but by killing germs on a surface after cleaning, it can further lower the risk of spreading infection.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces (e.g., doorknobs, light switches, countertops).

Use all cleaning products according to the directions on the label.

Never mix bleach with vinegar, ammonia, or any other cleaning products; chemical reactions may produce deadly toxic gas. Contact UNH Environmental Health & Safety at 862-4041 with questions or concerns.

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