Cleaning/Disinfection Procedures for Influenza H1N1

- Use appropriate hand washing techniques and isolation from potentially infectious individuals during cleaning and disinfecting procedures. Additional information about how to protect workers from pandemic influenza can be found at http://www.osha.gov/Publications/employers-protect-workers-flu-factsheet.html.

- Gloves should be used for cleaning/disinfection operations. Additional personal protective equipment (PPE) may be necessary based on the type of chemical disinfectant selected or in certain settings. Consult the material safety data sheet (MSDS) of the disinfectant for additional PPE requirements. Respirators are not currently recommended for non patient care operations.

- Use standard cleaning and disinfection protocols to control environmental contamination. Pay close attention to cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces (e.g., stair rails, light switches, doorknobs, or faucet handles.) If gross surface contamination is present, debris should be removed using approved methods prior to disinfection.

- Use a 1:10 solution of bleach to water or other EPA-registered chemical germicide appropriate for the surface to be disinfected (e.g., either low- or intermediate-level disinfection) as specified by the manufacturer's instructions. The list of selected EPA-registered disinfectants can be found at http://www.epa.gov/oppad001/chemregindex.htm.

- Supervisors should ensure that custodial staff comply with proper cleaning and disinfection procedures.

- Use disposable PPE whenever possible to minimize cross-contamination.

- Contact Environmental Health and Safety (4-4036) for additional information regarding decontamination for Influenza H1N1 or personal protection associated with disinfection operations.