# Cleaning, Disinfecting and Sanitizing in Food Service

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What
do you
do when?

#### **How Are Germs Transmitted?**



Susceptible Host: Germs can make host sick





How do germs get into you: Germs enter new location (e.g. mucous membranes, breaks in skin)



Infectious Germs: Bacteria, Virus, **Fungi** 



**Chain of Transmission** 



Reservoir: Germs adapt and multiply



(on animate & inanimate objects)





How do germs move from one place to another:

Germs move to a new location (by people, pests or objects) Where people come in contact with them



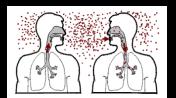
How do germs leave you: Germs leave

(e.g. sneeze or cough, body fluids, blood)





Respiratory



Contact





## 3 Levels of Germ Control



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• Involves physically removing germs *and* conditions they need to survive (e.g. dirt or food).



• Use water, detergent and a green scrubbing pad or bristle brushes to scrub the surface.







**Blue Brush** 

## Scrubbing / Apply Detergent

- 1. Remove any food debris
- 2. Apply detergent solution and scrub all surfaces to loosen debris, dried food and cooked-on foods.
  - 1. Use a Blue Bristle Brush or Green Pad.





Note: Towels & wipers are not permitted.







### Rinsing

# 3) Rinse: Blue Rinse Pail with a Clean Wiping Towel



Use a Blue Clean Water Pail and a clean towel to remove the chemical (detergent) and any loosened food debris.

Always start at the top and move to the bottom. (Take care to avoid splashing)

#### 1. Cleaning for Germ Control: Microfiber

#### New Supplies - WPS will pilot microfiber cloths:

Microfiber can remove 95%-99% of bacteria as compared to 30% using cotton\*.

- Captures Germs Better: it has more scrubbing action than cotton.
- Minimizes Germ Growth: dries more quickly, which helps to prevent germs from growing inside cloth.

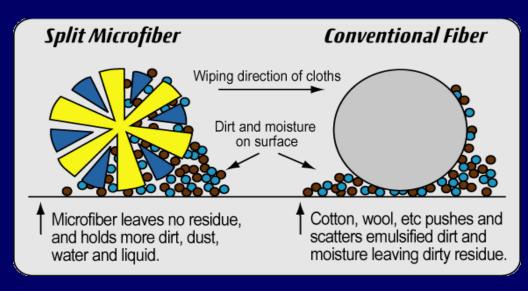


#### 1. Cleaning for Germ Control: Microfiber

• Absorption Ability: It absorbs up to 7-8 times its weight in liquid, reducing the conditions germs need to live on a surface.

#### Great for streak and residue free cleaning:

- -All surfaces
- -Glass
- -Stainless steel



## 2. Sanitizing for Germ Control

#### Use on both porous and nonporous surfaces:

• Food contact surfaces: sanitizing rinses for surfaces such as dishes and cooking utensils.





• Non-food contact surfaces: laundry, etc.



## **Cleaning and Sanitizing Procedures**

#### The Correct Tools for the Job

- ✓ Potable or safe drinking water
- ✓ Detergents appropriate for use in commercial kitchens.
- ✓ Approved sanitizing solutions. (Bleach is not approved)
- ✓ Acceptable cleaning tools color-coded buckets, brushes (blue), pads (green), brooms (blue), mops, and sprayers.

## **Cleaning and Sanitizing Procedures**

#### The Correct Systems for the Job

- ✓ Effective cleaning and sanitizing procedures (you are learning those today).
- ✓ Trained employees to conduct cleaning & sanitizing procedures properly (you are being trained today).
- ✓ Monitoring to verify that procedures are effective. (high heat thermostats and / or sanitizer concentration test strips, and you!)

## **Basic Cleaning and Sanitizing Methods**

We have 2 methods:

1)High Temp (high heat)
Ware Washing Machine
(wash 150, rinse 180)



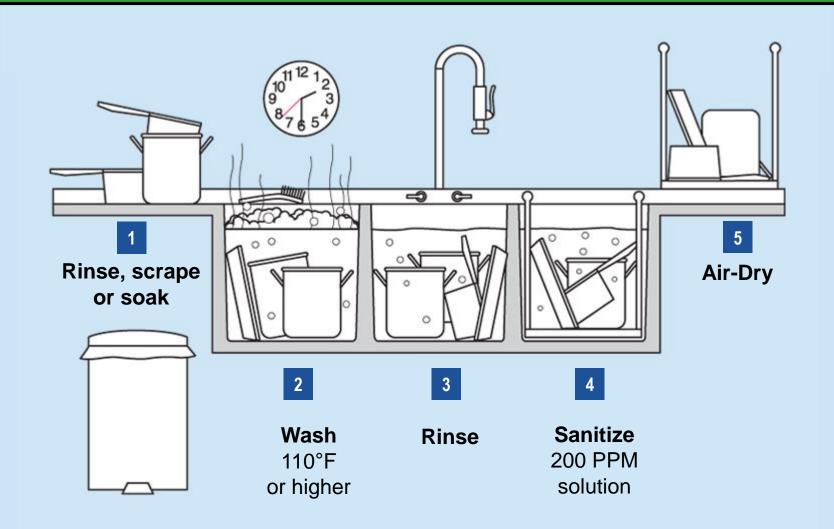
## **Basic Cleaning and Sanitizing Methods**

2) Manual Cleaning (wash, rinse, sanitize).

Schools with 3-compartment ware washing sinks and for items that are to large for the machine:

- Tables
- Buffalo Chopper
- Can Opener
- Skillet, Kettle, Mixer
- Bowl Stands and Carts (wagons) etc.
- OR, if your high-temp machine is under repair

## Steps for Cleaning and Sanitizing in 3-Compartment Sink



### Sanitizing

4) Apply Sanitizer

(spray or 3<sup>rd</sup> compartment sink application)

- spraying from top to bottom,
- thoroughly covering area, or



 submerging in 3<sup>rd</sup> compartment sink.

### Sanitizing

- Prior to applying sanitizer:
  - Visually inspect surfaces.



- Surfaces must be completely free of food residue and soap before sanitizers are applied.
- After applying sanitizer:
  - Allow it to remain on surface for a minimum of 60 seconds to kill bacteria.
  - Allow it to air dry. (Do not rinse.)

## 3. Disinfecting for Germ Control



- Use on hard nonporous surfaces.
- Common disinfectant ingredients that pose health risks:
  - bleach (WPS has eliminated)
  - -quaternary ammonium compounds (WPS is working to replace)

## 3. Disinfecting for Germ Control: Blood Spills in the Kitchen

• To comply with OSHA BBP Standard, use:



A product that lists the specific BBP viruses - HIV and hepatitis B and C.



• For other specific diseases, work with supervisor to obtain correct product.

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# Why do we clean and rinse before we sanitize and disinfect?

• Materials on the surface to be disinfected - cleaning product residues, protein and dirt.

What materials contain proteins?

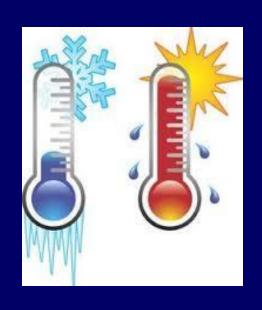




# **Factors that Compromise Effectiveness of Sanitizers**

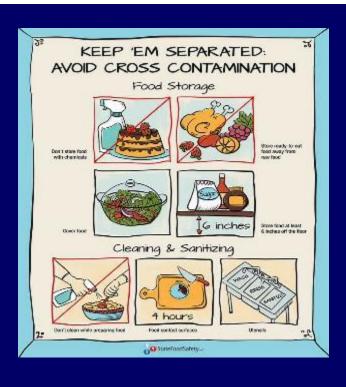
- Contact time (amount of the time it takes sanitizer to "kill" a germ)
  - every product has different kill time
  - let surface air dry whenever possible
  - new product has a 1 minute kill time
- Appropriate temperature
- Shelf life expiration date





#### Cross Contamination:

 Is the transfer of infectious germs from one surface, object or person to another.



- Involves understanding Chain of Infection:
  - where germs live and multiply, and
  - how they are transferred to a new location.

#### Sources of Cross-Contamination:

- Used cloth or mop head, especially if left soaking in dirty solutions.
- Sanitizer solutions, prepared in a dirty container, or stored for long periods of time.
- Contaminated hands or gloves.



#### Strategies:

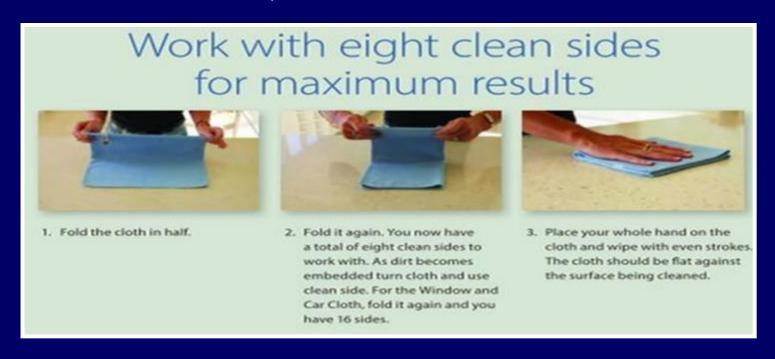
 Allow laundered mop heads and cloths to dry before re-use.



 Replace cloths and mop heads each time a bucket of disinfectant is emptied and replaced.



- Strategies Surface to Surface
  - Fold cloth into 8, and use a new side for each surface.



Change cloths or mop heads when moving to a new surface (e.g. tables to counter).

## Why reduce use of sanitizers and disinfectants? Disinfectants Are Not Cleaners - They are Pesticides!



The active ingredients of disinfectants are among the most toxic chemicals used in food service work.

Ingredient	Hazards	User Health Effects
Quaternary Ammonium Chlorides	Corrosive	Eye & skin burns, sensitizer, asthma
Sodium Hypochlorite (bleach)	Oxidizer Reactive	Eye & skin burns; Vapors are a respiratory irritant

#### Disinfectants and Work Related Asthma

Products	# Cases
Unspecified	104
Bleach	43
Disinfectants	20
Ammonia	14
Acids, bases,	23
oxidizers	

Note: 12% of all work related asthma cases in 4 states were associated with cleaning products

Custodial workers experience one of the highest rates of occupational asthma.

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#### Disinfectants and Work Related Asthma

#### Common Asthmagens

- Ammonia
- Bleach
- Fragrance ingredients
- Disinfectant ingredients
   (Quaternary ammonium compounds and Bleach)
- Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) solvent based products



## Case Against Bleach

#### (5.25% and 6% Sodium Hypochlorite)

- Health Effects
  - Corrosive to eyes and skin
  - Respiratory irritant
  - Byproducts may cause cancer
  - May cause fertility issues in chemicallysensitive humans
- Other
  - Ineffective on dirty surfaces (not a cleaner)

