Environmental Decontamination During an Outbreak

- Increase frequency of cleaning using dedicated domestic staff where possible and avoiding transfer of domestic staff to other areas
- Clean from unaffected to affected areas and within affected areas from least likely contaminated areas to most highly contaminated areas
- Use disposable cleaning materials including mops and cloths
- Dedicate reusable cleaning equipment to affected areas and thoroughly decontaminate between uses e.g. mop handles and buckets
- Use Chlor-clean wherever possible to disinfect surfaces
- Pay particular attention to frequently touched surfaces such as bed tables, door handles, toilet flush handles and taps
- Cleaning staff and other staff who undertake cleaning duties should follow standard infection control precautions and wear appropriate PPE
- National and local colour coding for PPE and cleaning equipment should be adhered to in order to avoid cross contamination