

## Two-Step Process for Cleaning and Sanitizing Food Service Areas-Updated 8-1-19

### Step 1

- Spray the surface with a soap and water solution\*.
- Clean the surface completely by wiping with a paper towel or clean cloth\*\*\*.

### Step 2

- Spray the surface with bleach and water solution\*\*.
- Allow the bleach and water solution to air dry or remain on the surface for a lapse of time (at least 10 seconds) before being wiped off with a fresh paper towel or clean cloth\*\*\*.

\*There is no specific formula for mixing the soap and water solution. Liquid hand soap or liquid dish detergent are acceptable soap products to be mixed with water. The American Academy of Pediatrics and American Public Health Association recommend soap and water as the cleaning agent; a commercial cleaning product is not preferred.

\*\* The bleach and water solution should be mixed according to the same standards as prescribed for licensing; ¼ cup of bleach to 1 gallon of water. This mixture should be prepared daily. Leaving the bleach and water solution on surfaces for a lapse of time (2 minutes is best practice; 10 seconds is acceptable) allows the bleach and water to effectively sanitize and kill the germs brought to the surface by the cleaning process.

A commercial sanitizer may be substituted; however, the product must be specifically labeled as killing 99.9% of germs, killing the HIV virus, and/or meeting EPA standards as a sanitizing agent. Any commercial product used for sanitizing must be applied according to the manufacturer's directions (Often a lapse of 10 minutes is required for the product to effectively sanitize). Assessors will ask to see the original container with instructions.

\*\*\* Cloths or paper towels may be used. However, a fresh cloth or paper towel must be used for each step; One cloth or paper towel used to **clean** all surfaces; a second cloth or paper towel used to **sanitize** all surfaces. Cloths used for cleaning or sanitizing surfaces may not be reused. Cloths used during a 2-step process must be discarded for laundering. **Sponges are NOT recommended.**

*Any product with a label stating, "Keep Out of Reach of Children" must be locked away when not in use. A product with the KORC warning, once diluted, must be kept out of reach of children, but not necessarily locked away.*