

# STEPS

## for Effective Disinfection of School Environments

*Remember that general cleaning (vacuuming, sweeping and mopping) removes allergens, like mold, pollen and dust mites. Disinfecting involves wiping down hard surfaces with a school recommended disinfectant to kill germs (bacteria, such as MRSA and viruses).*

### For General Areas:

- Ensure your disinfectant is prepared to the proper use concentration and that the working solution remains on surfaces being cleaned for the recommended contact time.
- Hard surfaces and equipment such as floors, light switches, door handles, handrails, tables and desks should be cleaned routinely.
- Any area soiled with blood and body fluids should be cleaned immediately.

### For Athletic Areas:

- Disinfect shared equipment surfaces (weight benches, weights, workout machines, etc.) daily.
- Clean locker rooms and shower areas daily.
- Athletic areas should have SEPARATE cleaning mops and buckets from the rest of the facility. Disinfect them regularly.
- Develop and follow a schedule for regular cleaning of sports equipment (balls, racket grips, bats, gloves, etc.)
- Clean and sanitize any sports equipment that comes in direct contact with skin of players (helmets, wrestling headgear, etc.) after each use.

