PROTECTING YOUR SCHOOL: 4 THINGS TO HELP PROTECT AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

About Coronavirus

The novel coronavirus (now referred to as COVID-19) has caused thousands of fatalities around the world. It is spread primarily from person to person contact, but evidence exists that a person can get it by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. The World Health Organization (WHO) has reported that a global pandemic is possible and the number of infected persons could increase exponentially.

With the rapid spread of the coronavirus throughout the world, you might be wondering what you should do if someone infected with the virus visited your school and how you would protect your students and staff if this were to happen. Here are some things you can do to ensure you are prepared to deal with the potential of an infected person passing through your school:

1. Don’t Take Unnecessary Risks

If the health and safety of your staff and students are at risk, to prevent potential further spreading of the virus, you should carefully consider retaining the services of a company that is experienced with infectious control remediation work. Safely and effectively cleaning materials that range from porous and non-porous countertops, to fibrous carpets and HVAC systems, requires a significant amount of knowledge and training. Leveraging our experience with infectious control activities, we use specialized protocols especially designed for high traffic environments like schools.

2. Ensure Your Remediation Team is Certified

Having poorly or under-trained team members attempt to remediate the coronavirus may do more harm than good. Technicians who are ineffective or use the wrong equipment or products may unknowingly spread the virus rather than remediating it. Our team members have Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC) and are Infectious Control Risk Assessment (ICRA) accredited. They use specialized containment and decontamination procedures established through collaboration with human health scientists. This means we have the skills required, along with the use of specialized procedures, to ensure that remediation is handled professionally, effectively, and per EPA guidelines.

3. Follow Proven Safety Protocols

The key to remediating the coronavirus is establishing safety plans, protocols, and processes for cleaning and disinfection. Planning for and knowing how to immediately respond to every situation is a key component to ensuring that the remediation job is successful. Builder Services’ plans, sanitation protocols, and documented processes aren’t just theoretical - they have been shown to safely and effectively remediate the spread of infectious viruses.

4. Protect Your Reputation

It may be tempting to go with the lowest cost remediation provider, but that decision may be very costly in the long run. An ineffective remediation provider may fail to remediate the virus - or, worse still, spread the virus - and that may create significant risk to your reputation of maintaining a healthy environment for your staff and students, negatively impact peace of mind, and even create additional financial liability for you. Our trained technicians follow rigorous safety plans and provide after-the-fact testing to demonstrate that the job was done correctly and effectively.