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Hi everyone,

I've provided below computer and washroom cleaning guidance. I added on washrooms indirectly as a VPL ask and it circled around into the other library ask, so here it is in case it's useful for you. Perhaps you weren't trying to clean washrooms twice per day from top to bottom as we were.

No word yet on materials quarantine.

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Thank you Harlan, and nice to e-meet you, Christina!

Thank you also for the note below about clarity in cleaning and disinfecting public washrooms – folks can interpret guidance in a range of ways and so we are working to clarify our guidance for public settings. It isn't helpful if there are conflicting messages and people tend to err on the side of over-cleaning which is difficult when resources are scarce. In the meantime, I am happy to address your questions below:

For washrooms, toilet handles, tap handles, door handles, and counters should be cleaned and disinfected twice a day – full washroom cleaning and disinfection (mopping, scrubbing toilets, wiping down stalls, etc.) only needs to occur once a day. I like the idea of utilizing non-specialized staff for the twice daily cleaning and disinfecting! 💎💎

For shared computers, we suggest cleaning and disinfecting twice daily, and putting hand sanitizer nearby and signs asking people to please clean their hands before and after they use the computer. You can also note in the signage that the computers/keyboards/mouse are only being cleaned and disinfected twice daily, to encourage people to clean their hands before and after use. It may not be feasible to have a dedicated staff member watch over the computers and clean after each usage, so this is my practical recommendation. If a surface is visibly soiled, it should be cleaned, however. Same goes for washrooms!

Hope this is helpful. Please reach out if you have additional questions!

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I respectfully acknowledge and recognize that I live and work in the traditional territory of the Lekwungen peoples, today represented by the Songhees and Xwsepsum (Esquimalt) Nations.

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