Companions of the Order of Malta

The CoM Cleaning and Hygiene Protocol

Overall Objective: to minimise the risk of transmission at the Companions Cafés and to ensure that all areas are safe and clean for all our guests and volunteers to use.

Hall

Increase the frequency of cleaning, using standard cleaning products such as detergents and bleach, paying attention to all surfaces. As a minimum frequently touched surfaces should be wiped down at the end of the activity.

Cleaning should be more frequent depending on the number of people using the Hall

Ensure that everyone entering and exiting the Hall has access to handwashing and hand-sanitising facilities; alcohol hand sanitiser to be positioned at the entrance.

Serving Hygiene

To maintain good hygiene standards, anyone handling dirty dishes should wear gloves and dispose of them after clearing each course. Alternatively, servers should be made aware to wash their hands for 20 sec instead. Ideally dirty cups should not be refilled but replaced if at all feasible.

Kitchen

As matter of good hygiene practice, anyone handling food should wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before doing so. Crockery and eating utensils should not be shared. Clean frequently touched surfaces regularly. Wear gloves if possible.

Surfaces in the kitchen area should be cleaned with different cloths to the ones used in other areas. Cloths should be washed, or bleached and air dried, at the end of the session.

Shower (if available)

A dedicated shower cleaning volunteer to be appointed. That volunteer is to be equipped with an apron and gloves.

Showers are an area of increased risk of transmission. The shower is cleaned after every guest.

Ensure that after every guest the shower is aired and dried with the 'blue' paper towels with antibacterial spray and bathroom cleaner. Not to forget the door handles, taps, handheld shower head etc. Bath Mats and towels to be changed after every use.

Use of showers to be limited to 10 minutes per guest to ensure time for thorough cleaning and airing between every guest.

W.C.

At the beginning of the session ensure the WC is clean, and that there is soap and paper towels/hand drying equipment available to dry hands and that the toilets have enough toilet paper for the session

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