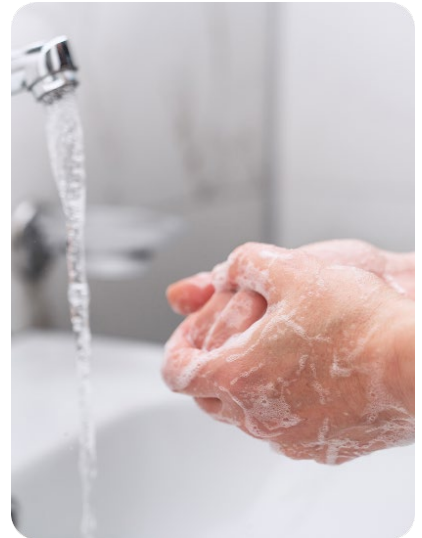## What is the Risk?

Electronic devices in both clinical and non-clinical areas can become contaminated with microbes, which can then be transmitted via contaminated hands.

A disinfectant effective against COVID-19 must be used for all Telehealth devices (mobile phones, tablets, and WOWs), and they must be disinfected after every patient use.

Key Principles

- Take the least amount of necessary equipment into a patient room.
- Disinfect all electronics when leaving the room.
- Hand hygiene is the most important factor in infection control and prevention.
  - Perform hand hygiene before accessing the device and after using the device, when working directly with a patient.
  - Unless you are in a patient room requiring gloves (e.g., PUI/COVID+), do not wear gloves when using electronic devices.

Process

- Perform hand hygiene either by using alcohol-based hand rub or by washing hands with soap and water.
- Disinfect equipment with disinfectant wipes such as Oxivir®, Super Sani Cloth®, Sani Cloth®, Clorox Hydrogen Peroxide®. The type of disinfectant available varies by site. Check the expiration date.
- Follow the manufacturer label and Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) sheet regarding use of personal protective equipment.
- Cleaning and disinfection are performed in three steps:
  1) Take a disinfectant wipe and squeeze to remove excess fluid. Use a wipe to clean and remove visible soil. Discard wipe.
  2) Take a second wipe and squeeze to remove excess fluid. Use the wipe to disinfect following instructions for time surface must remain wet. Discard wipe.
  3) Allow surfaces to air dry as per disinfectant instructions.
- Perform hand hygiene either by using alcohol-based hand rub or by washing hands with soap and water.

Appropriate Cleaning Materials

- Follow manufacturer's instructions for use for specific recommendations.
- Use a disposable soft, non-abrasive, lint-free damp cloth or wipe, pre-moistened with a ready to use (RTU) cleaner/disinfectant.
- Never spray products directly onto electronic devices
- An example of disinfectants that may be indicated in the manufacturer's instructions for use:
  - Combination products such as alcohol/quaternary ammonium (e.g., CaviWipes®).

Confirm the disinfectant is compatible with the device and will not cause damage. Prioritize COVID-19 effectiveness over device-disinfectant compatibility.