Environmental Cleaning
Recommendations following testing of patients for the coronavirus (COVID-19) in primary healthcare settings

Does the patient have **mild** (sore throat, fever, cough) or **severe** (suggestive pneumonia, breathing difficulty, or frequent, severe or productive cough) respiratory symptoms?

- **Mild**
  - Use **contact and droplet** precautions
  - Cleaning the room after collection
  - Person cleaning room should **don gown, gloves, surgical mask and eye protection**
  - Dispose of single-use medical equipment immediately after use
  - Clean surfaces that were in contact with the patient such as door handles, desk, chairs, and equipment with a **detergent / disinfectant solution or wipe**
  - Dispose of PPE using established protocols

- **Severe**
  - Refer to hospital for collection using **contact and airborne** precautions
  - If referral not possible, then collection must occur in a single room with the closed door
  - Room must be left vacant for **30 minutes** with the door closed after collection complete
  - Room can be cleaned during 30-minute vacancy

For more information: RACGP *Infection Prevention and Control Standards 5th edition*