

## Cot Cleaning

*Considerations for cot cleaning method:*

- *Length of time before reuse*
- *Availability of resources (staff, time, equipment, ventilated drying area)*
- *Is cot going to be reused or packed for storage*
- *Less saturation of material is preferred for environmental health reasons*

### Option A: Cot Cleaning w/ Spray Bottle **PREFERED CLEANING METHOD**

1. Sweep off or vacuum
2. Clean frame with scrub brush or broom using a liquid household cleaner, such as Joy, and water solution
3. Disinfect canvas with **bleach solution** disinfectant such as Lysol or Styrene from a spray bottle to avoid over saturation
4. Allow to air dry
5. Thoroughly dry before reuse

### Option B: Cot Cleaning w/ Hose

1. Sweep off or vacuum
2. Spray thoroughly using hose
3. Clean entire cot including frame with scrub brush or broom
4. Disinfect with **bleach solution** disinfectant such as Lysol or Styrene from a spray bottle to avoid over saturation
5. Allow to air dry
6. Thoroughly dry before reuse

### Option C: Cot Cleaning w/ Power Washer (cold water)

1. Sweep off or vacuum.
2. Spray down entire cot including frame with power washer with bleach disinfectant solution
3. Allow to air dry
4. Thoroughly dry before reuse

### Option C: Steam Cleaning - Cot Cleaning w/ Pressure Washer

1. Sweep off or vacuum.
2. Spray down entire cot including frame with pressure washer with bleach disinfectant solution
3. Allow to air dry
4. Thoroughly dry before reuse

### Option D: Clean & Cover

1. Sweep off or vacuum.
2. Wipe down entire cot including frame with **bleach solution** disinfectant such as Lysol or Styrene
3. Apply a sterile, disposable cover such as those used on ambulance gurneys or stretchers
4. Discard cover between uses

### **Reminders:**

- \* Do not transfer mattresses, sheets, pillows, or blankets among residents
- \* Any equipment that cannot be decontaminated on site should be cleaned and transported in heavy gauge plastic bags labeled "Contaminated-to Be Cleaned" to a proper handling facility