

# Step-by-Step Disinfecting for Schools

Disinfecting means to destroy almost all germs that could make a person sick. Disinfecting is for high-touch areas that collect lots of germs (bathroom faucets and counters, toilets, drinking fountains, doorknobs). Choose an EPA registered disinfectant, and use the product according to the label directions. **NEVER ALLOW STUDENTS TO USE DISINFECTANTS!**

STEP  
1

Put on gloves.



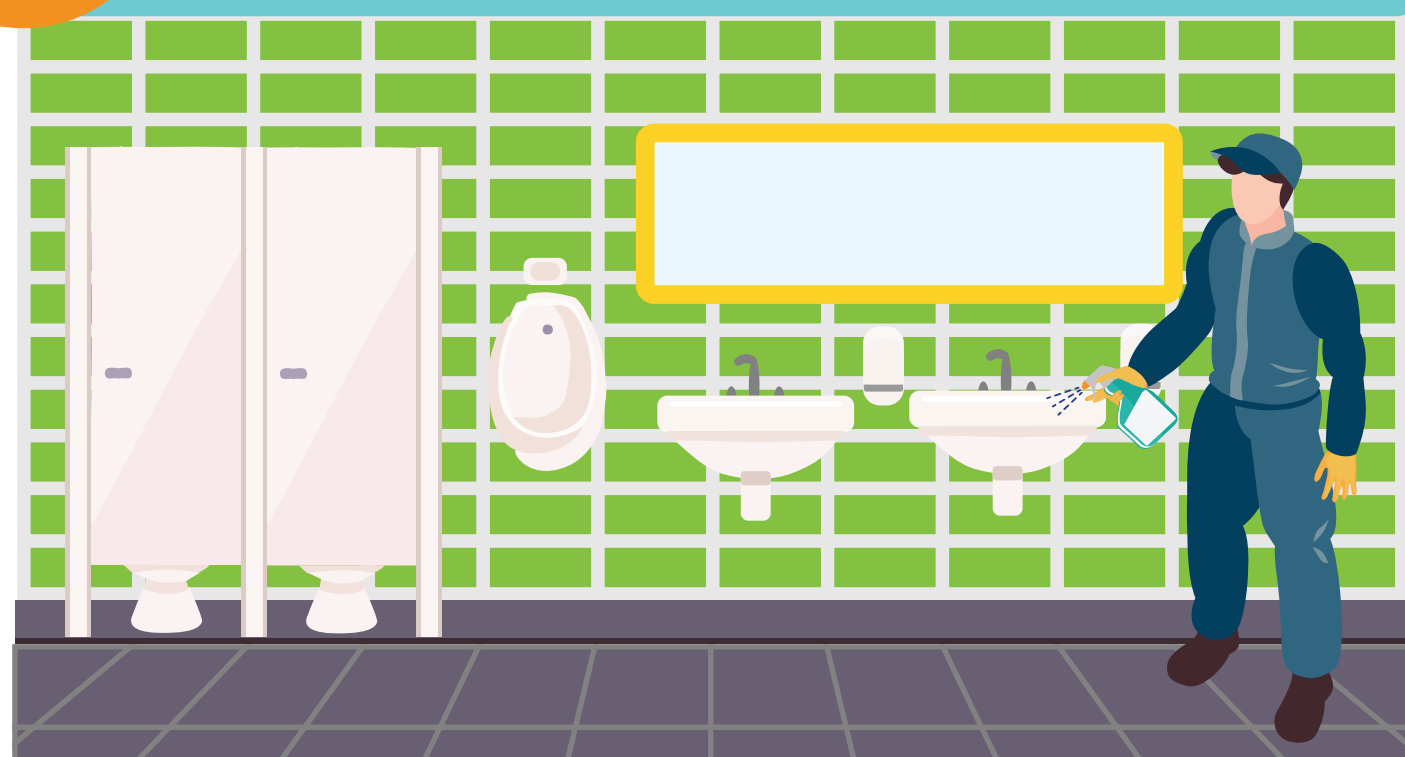
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Pre-clean the surface with soap and water. Surfaces should be clean before applying a disinfectant.



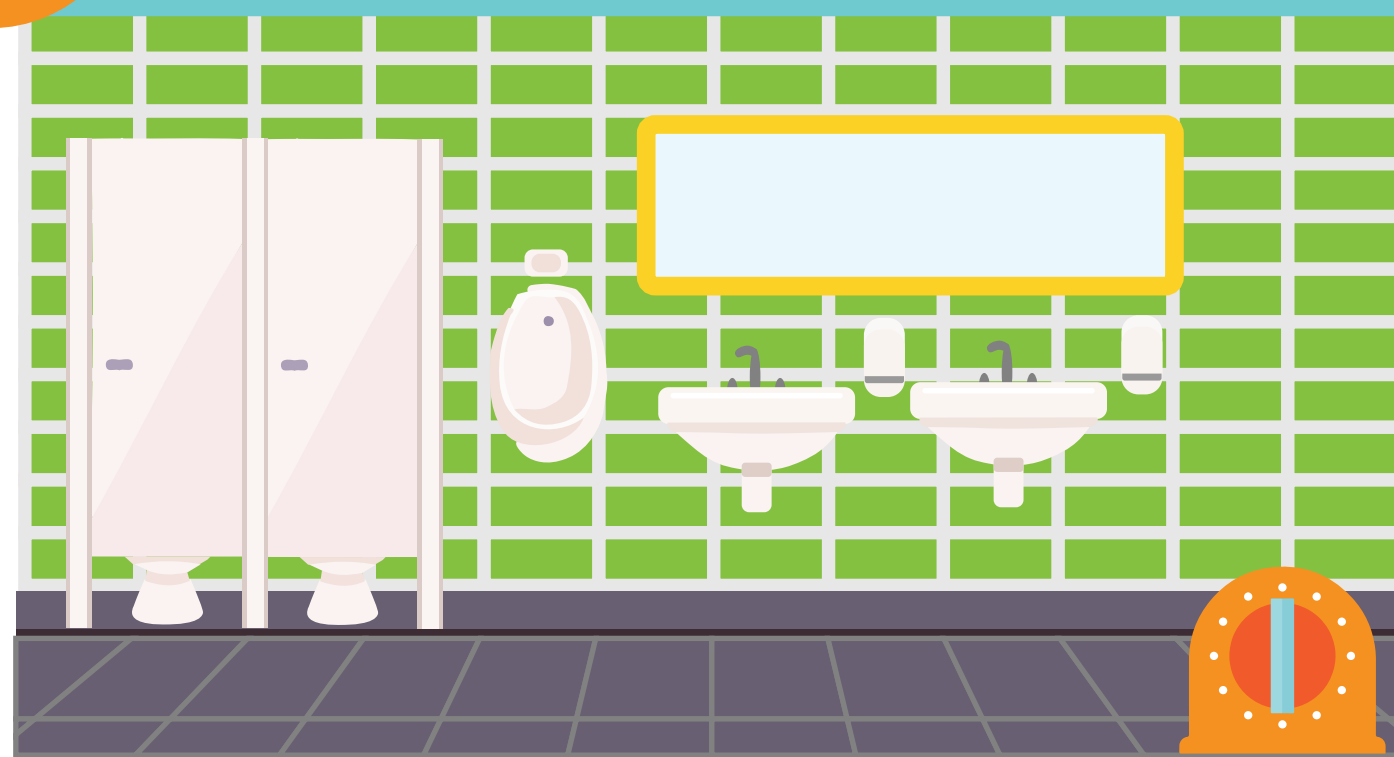
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Apply the disinfectant. Spray away from people and provide ventilation.



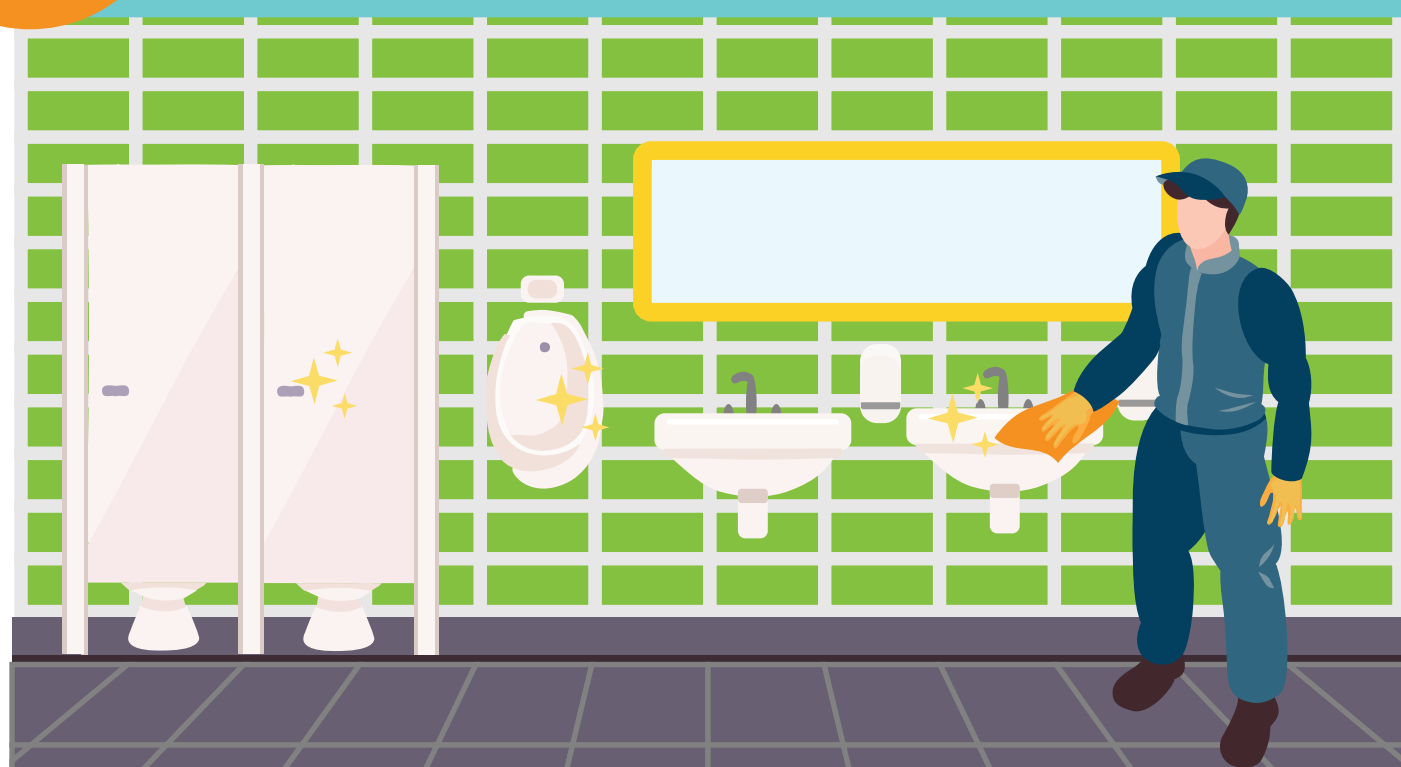
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Leave the surface wet for the appropriate contact (dwell) time stated on the product label. Set a timer to keep track of the time.



STEP  
5

Allow the surface to air dry, or dry with a fresh paper towel or microfiber cloth.



Important note:  
Some disinfectants are ready-to-use and some are meant to be diluted with water.

Always follow product label directions!