Sanitation Part 3

Okay, onwards, so we left off with what is COVID-19. It is an upper respiratory infection. It stands for the co Corona vi virus D disease. 19 refers to the year. It's in the SARS COVID two family and is a novel virus and is in the middle of being studied. A lot of it is unknown except for the fact that it is highly contagious. Symptoms will vary wildly, and about 60% of people infected are asymptomatic. People who are considered high risk are those with chronic medical conditions, or are elderly or have family members that fit that category.

It is primarily transmitted via respiratory droplets that can travel six feet, or because we touch those droplets that landed on surfaces, and then touched our face or a mucous membrane. If there's some droplets on a table and I just touched it touched my face. I should be okay. But instead I touched my lips. That's a different story.

There are some links I highly suggest you visit. It includes the United States Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, OSHA. OSHA has some rules regarding workers and their employers, to keep them safe, to keep your business safe. So make sure that you are compliant if you have employee.

**Touch points.** A touch point is just what it sounds like, something was touched. What is likely for clients to touch in our facilities: door handles, pens, credit cards, leads countertops, and the floors. Remember that whole someone sneezes, and it goes six feet, well, that could land on floors, as well as on countertops. If they have used the bathroom, that might be another place that is going to be considered a touch point.

There are a couple of assignments that go along with this program. And we're going to get to two of the assignments shortly. It has to do with setting up a regimen. You're going to need a protocol that works for your needs. I'm going to go over my protocol and the approximate time it takes me to do it.

Vacuum, right after each pet or household. I'm going to wipe down the walls against the tables. I'm collecting and wiping down tools and place in my UV sanitizer, used towels and happy hoodies go in my laundry bag. I run shampoo through the recirculator and tub, including clip on blades, brushes and combs. That will take me five to 10 minutes. I'm going to sanitize my touch points and change my smock.

I can remember when I first learned to groom this horrible Gordon setter. He was just playing me. It took me like five hours to groom that dog, but today probably hour and 15. The same principle is going to apply here and they take you longer initially. But once you get a routine going that time will be drastically cut. This is what my van looked like after grooming Chevy. Chevy is not what I would call a reasonable clean up in between pets. At best the end of the day. Usually, his cleanup I would schedule him as the last pet on the last day of my work week.

Remember to wipe down those walls. Remember those fomites so at the end of my day. I'm going to attend to my shampoo bottles. And I don't recommend pre-mixing because they may cause contamination. I'm going to oil all my tools, mop the floors, the fatigue mats go into the tub. I also add all my combs and brushes. I'm going to clean all the filters. So that's my recirculating filter, and AC. Whatever I'm using that has a filter. clean out the clipper vac and vacuum. I'm going to empty the trash. I'm going to use my long handle feather duster or brush attachment to get any hair that's floating around. End of the day 20 to 30 minutes Now I have four floormats. Okay, there's one on the floor in front of the table, one on top of the table for the pets, another one in front of the tub and the other one in the tub. All get cleaned at the end of the day.

End of week That would be my Chevy cleaning. Everything gets a really good cleaning, windows, all the filters, again. harnesses, loops, anything behind the cages, garbage cans, the bathrooms, the kitchen areas are that's like 30 to 45 minutes at the end of the week. If I'm mobile, I'm doing my walls and my ceilings. Again, that cleaning generally takes me 30 to 45 minutes.

Quarterly and monthly is the big cleanings. Monthly I get into the cabinets, it's really good time to do inventory. All right, if you shop the walls, this will take give or take an hour, depending on the size of the shop that could take you longer. Quarterly, I'm gutting it out. Everything is coming out of my van and then it's been cleaned and then put back in it. If you're shop, you're going to probably want to do the ceilings at this point. This cleaning could take a couple of hours.

Checklists are a valuable asset for cleaning procedures because it keeps you on task. It can help you distribute the work fairly.

What are the boogie monsters things that we might come across in any grooming facility or be exposed to. Now we don't have labs in our facility. So the best we can do is suspect and recommend going to the vet. And the last thing I want to do is scare you but keeping your facility clean, you and your staff educated will reduce the likelihood of spreading the boogie monsters between the pets. If you suspect rabies or Parvo This is simple. You're going to report them to whatever agency your state requires you to do so and wait for their instructions. They will tell you what to do or possibly quarantine your facility. In the meantime, your best defense here is to not take in sick animals, lethargy, diarrhea, vomiting, coughing, those are all signs of sick animals.

For suspected mange ringworm and kennel cough I'm going to do a monthly cleaning with 10% bleach before the next pet and that includes changing my clothes and shoes. Ringworm particularly loves watch bands and those rubber bracelets.

Anything that is airborne such as canine influenza, the biologicals you remove is the pet itself. Send that puppy home. With any airborne contaminant air circulation is key. Keep in mind that pets may not present symptoms during the incubation period and you may be unaware of any problems.

Sum it up. There are four ways to reduce cross contamination in your facility. 1. keep it clean and free of biologicals hair, blood urine feces, respiratory droplets and a contaminated pet. 2. Don't groom sick pet or sick clients. 3. proper storage of your shampoo, new equipment 4. Clean and disinfect used tools and equipment in between pets.

Your first assignment I want to create a cleaning sanitizing checklist for the day. It should include the following routines:.1. before you open up the doors for the day 2. after a client leaves 3. after each pet 4. after pick up end of day. While it is not necessary for the assignments, you should include those SDS sheets and all your cleaning products. Your second assignment will be cleaning will be to create a cleaning sanitizing routine for the following: 1. In between 2. End of day, 3. End of week and 4. monthly and quarterly.