Within the Custodial Department of Texas Tech University’s Operations Division, we understand and value our role on the university campus. By developing a quality-centric program where every member of our staff strives to provide the best possible service, we create an investment between our employees and the benefit of providing a safe and healthy environment for students, faculty, staff, and guests. Our custodial department incorporates the latest cleaning technologies with a strong presence and stronger commitment to the utmost health and wellbeing of every person on campus.

Our Team Cleaning process uses better ergonomics for the custodian while concentrating on elevating air quality with multi-filtration vacuum systems. The Team Cleaning process requires vigorous training for each custodian. As part of our commitment to better serve campus, we are staffed seven days a week and are available through the weekend to answer special or emergency cleaning requests.

The Custodial Department approaches every job with profound importance, however, sanitizing TTU’s academic buildings has never been more important than right now. To help prevent and slow the spread of COVID-19, we are constantly working to improve our cleaning practices. Our disinfectants are proven to kill viruses like COVID-19, as well as others. Cleaning frequencies have been increased for public areas; each Team focuses on touch points, horizontal surfaces such as desk and implements methods promoted by the CDC. Locations where there are claims of illness are handled aggressively with a thorough cleaning and an electrostatic application of disinfectants.

Never have people paid so much attention to how cleaning is performed, unless those people are part of Texas Tech University’s Custodial Department. Our employees are invested in the safety and health of every campus environment. Our employees care about the quality of their work and take pride in their professionalism. Our employees understand the fears all of us have and rise to that challenge every single day. You can have peace of mind that our custodial maintenance workers provide the healthiest indoor environment possible.

**Cleaning Specifics:**

We have custodial staff on campus 7 days per week. Our day crews shift is 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Our evening crews shift is 4:30 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. and we have a small weekend crew that works 1:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Thursday through Sunday. We also have on call employees who respond to any emergency calls after hours. We provide daily cleaning and disinfecting of restrooms, public and common areas, and touch points.

We maintain these daily standards in the cleaning of our Education and General Buildings:

- All restrooms are cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis.
- All common areas are cleaned and disinfected on a daily basis.
- All trash from offices, bathrooms, and common areas is emptied from the building once a day, Monday through Friday.
- Common area carpets and hard surfaced floors are vacuumed or cleaned daily.
- Staff members are required to wear personal protective equipment when working in restrooms or working with disinfectants or cleaning agents i.e. gloves, goggles, and masks (if required).
- Custodial staff are required to wipe highly touched surfaces; including handrails, push/pull door handles, elevators, and other horizontal surfaces during their shift.
Our custodial department uses an electrostatic application of disinfectants to complement our regular cleaning process. We would also dispatch this equipment to areas where there may be a claim of illness.

Electrostatic application is a method of applying disinfectant to surfaces in your classroom, workspace, or office. This application process allows us to disinfect areas that traditional cleaning methods may miss by applying an electrostatic charge to liquid disinfectants to all surfaces. The device positively charges the disinfectant droplet so that it will envelop a sprayed surface, which tend to be negatively charged. This method will attach disinfectant droplets to the bottom of a handle, doorknob or any other object such as a desk.

Ultimately there is no substitute for the professional cleaning worker in your space, but this is a great tool that helps improve the health of our facilities.

These additional units will allow us to put every building on regular rotation as well as handle any one off claim of illness. We use Oxivir1 and Oxivir TB for electrostatic application and they have a kill claim of 1 minute which makes them ideal for electrostatic spraying so that surfaces only become very slightly damp. The longer the kill claim the longer the disinfectant needs to remain wet on the surface. Oxivir1 and Oxivir TB are proven to kill viruses similar to Coronavirus/COVID-19. These are also hospital grade disinfectants and are very safe. We choose these disinfectants because they are safe, fast and very effective.

More on victory electrostatic equipment:
https://victorycomplete.com/in-the-news/

Thank you!

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