## Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus

## **Important Information:**

- ~ Anytime the smell of chlorine is not present, discard the solution.
- ~ A strong bleach solution is caustic. Avoid direct contact with skin and eyes. Prepare solutions in well ventilated areas."

## **Directions for Preparing Bleach Solutions:**

- "Strong Bleach Solution": In a spray bottle, dilute 1 ounce of bleach (that has a 5 percent chlorine concentration) with 9 ounces of water.
- "Weak Bleach Solution": In a spray bottle dilute 1 ounce of strong bleach solution with 9 ounces of water.

## **Cleaning Walls or Other Surfaces:**

- $\sim$  Use a sprayer or mop to wash the walls with a weak bleach solution.
- $\sim$  Rinse the mop in a fresh supply of a weak bleach solution.
- ~ If using a sprayer, apply the spray close to the surface to minimize splashing and aerosols.
- $\sim$  Wash the wall as usual with soap and clean water to remove visible soil.
- ~ Discard any waste in container.

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