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Local Trauma Cleanup Company Shares the Keys to Disinfecting and Sanitizing for COVID-19

“We’ve been busy answering the concerns of companies and individuals throughout the Kansas City region,” says Don McNulty, information and safety director at Kansas City-based Crime Scene Cleaners. “The built environment – where we live and work – are not constructed or arranged to be easily cleaned and sanitized when a pandemic like COVID-19 strikes.”

According to Crime Scene Cleaners, most people, even many cleaning companies, do not know how to disinfect properly. “Every disinfectant has a stated dwell time. Back in the day, we called it wet contact time. Most people will purchase sanitizing wipes and wipe down a surface, believing they just sanitized it,” McNulty said. “The main issue with wipes is the way they leave dry areas on the surface because people do not pay attention to the topography of their hand, and the second problem is the sanitizer evaporates long before the stated dwell time. Therefore, the sanitizing didn’t happen.”

McNulty told a story of how his mother, during times of colds and flu, would purchase Lysol, spray it on all the surfaces and wipe it off immediately and move on to the next area. “To sanitize correctly, Lysol has a 45-60 second dwell time stated on the label, then you may wipe off the excess,” he said.

“COVID-19 is an *enveloped virus* and on the lower rung of the microbial hierarchy. We use an approved disinfectant that is totally green and can be used in food prep areas without rinsing. Using this product goes a long way in keeping the process safe, saving time and money for our clients,” McNulty said.

Crime Scene Cleaners, LLC, is a Kansas City-based trauma abatement company established in 1999. The company started with abating and cleaning traumatic death scenes often from suicides and homicides, but the company evolved over the years. Although they still help families and businesses through the difficult times of trauma-related incidents, they have also become an infection control specialist.

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