

Rodent Droppings

Diseases such as Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) have resulted in rodent droppings causing great concern to school occupants. The reality though is that those diseases that can be contracted by humans after exposure to rodent feces are really very rare. According to the BC CDC, between 1994 and 2012 there were only 11 recorded cases of HPS in humans in British Columbia.

Procedure

Even though the chance of contracting a disease as a result of contact with rodent feces is rare that does not mean that we should not take care. Those cleaning up large concentrations of rodent feces need to follow these cleanup procedures.

- Put on mask, gloves, and safety glasses.
- Vacuum up any droppings
- Disinfect any affected areas using an approved disinfectant.
- If the feces is on a carpeted area, wipe it down with an approved disinfectant and then shampoo the carpet on a Friday evening.
- Dispose of any rags that were used in the cleanup process.
- Disinfect any pails that were used, let disinfectant sit for 15 minutes and then rinse.
- Change vacuum bag immediately and replace with a new one.
- Disinfect any reusable equipment.
- Remove gloves following approved procedure (Safe Work Procedure – Glove Removal)