

# **NIC INFECTION CONTROL AND SAFETY STANDARDS**

## **WET DISINFECTION AND STORAGE STANDARD**

1. Prior to use on any client, all non-porous tools and implements or multi-use items must be cleaned AND disinfected. Items must be cleaned with soap and warm water or a chemical cleaner. The items must then be disinfected by complete immersion in an EPA registered, bactericidal, virucidal, fungicidal, (Formulated for Hospitals) disinfectant that is mixed and used according to the manufacturer's directions. When allowed by state rule, disinfectant sprays and wipes that are bactericidal, virucidal and fungicidal are acceptable forms of disinfection following the cleaning of the item. Note: Items that are porous are not able to be disinfected and must be disposed of after each use.
2. Items MUST stay immersed or visibly moist with disinfectant for the entire contact time listed on the manufacturer's label to be effective.
3. All disinfectant solution must be changed per the manufacturer's label or sooner if contaminated.

## **DRY STORAGE STANDARD**

Disinfected implements must be stored in a disinfected, dry, covered container and be isolated from contaminants. At no time can these items come into contact with used/dirty items.

## **HAND WASHING**

Thoroughly wash hands and the exposed portions of arms with soap and water before providing services to each client and after smoking, drinking, eating, and using the restroom.

## **NAIL TECHNOLOGY**

Liquid Monomer containing Methyl Methacrylate (MMA) is prohibited for use during NIC practical examinations.

NIC strongly recommends, due to the testing environment, that odorless sculpture nail products be used during the NIC practical examinations.