

COVID-19 PREVENTION MEASURES

CLEANING AND DISINFECTING NON-FOOD CONTACT SURFACES



Current evidence suggests that novel coronavirus may remain viable for hours to days on surfaces. Cleaning followed by disinfection is a best practice measure for prevention of COVID-19 and other viral respiratory illnesses in households and community settings.

Non-Food Contact Surfaces

- 1 **Clean** surfaces using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- 2 **Disinfect hard** surfaces using a diluted household **bleach solution**, an alcohol solution with at least 70% alcohol, or an EPA-registered household disinfectant.

Bleach Disinfectant Solution

- Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation.
- **Prepare a bleach solution by mixing:**
 - 5 tablespoons (1/3 cup) bleach per gallon of water -or-
 - 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water

Cleaning Up After An Infected Individual

- Wear disposable gloves while cleaning. Discard them after cleaning and wash your hands.
- Clean any porous surfaces (carpets, clothing, linens, etc.) with appropriate cleaners and/or launder items using the warmest appropriate water setting. Dry items completely.
- Do not shake dirty laundry--this will minimize the possibility of dispersing virus into the air.

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