Disinfect

**Recommend use of EPA-registered household disinfectant.**

**Follow the instructions on the label** to ensure safe and effective use of the product.

Many products recommend:

- Keeping surface wet for a period of time (see product label).
- Precautions such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.

- **Diluted household bleach solutions may also be used** if appropriate for the surface.
  - Check the label to see if your bleach is intended for disinfection, and
  - Ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Some bleaches, such as those designed for safe use on colored clothing or for whitening may not be suitable for disinfection.
  - Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.

  - Follow manufacturer’s instructions for application and proper ventilation.
  - Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser.

  - **Leave solution on the surface for at least 1 minute.**

To make a bleach solution, mix:

- 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water
  OR
- 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water

- Bleach solutions will be effective for disinfection up to 24 hours.
- **Alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol may also be used.**

Soft surfaces

For soft surfaces such as carpeted floor, rugs, and drapes

- **Clean the surface using soap and water** or with cleaners appropriate for use on these surfaces.
• **Launder items** (if possible) according to the manufacturer’s instructions. Use the warmest appropriate water setting and dry items completely.

   OR

• **Disinfect with an EPA-registered household disinfectant.** These disinfectants meet EPA’s criteria for use against COVID-19.

• **Vacuum as usual.**

**Electronics**

For electronics, such as tablets, touch screens, keyboards, remote controls, and ATM machines.

• Consider putting a wipe able cover on electronics.

• **Follow manufacturer’s instruction** for cleaning and disinfecting.
  
  If no guidance, use alcohol-based wipes or sprays containing at least 70% alcohol.

  Dry surface thoroughly.

**Laundry**

For clothing, towels, linens and other items

• Launder items according to the manufacturer’s instructions. Use the warmest appropriate water setting and dry items completely.

• **Wear disposable gloves** when handling dirty laundry from a person who is sick.

• Dirty laundry from a person who is sick can be washed with other people’s items.

• **Do not shake** dirty laundry.

• Clean and **disinfect clothes hampers** according to guidance above for surfaces.

• Remove gloves, and wash hands right away.