

CDC Recommendation for Cleaning and Disinfection of Areas with Suspected/Confirmed COVID-19 Virus

Surfaces

- Wear disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting surfaces. Gloves should be discarded after each cleaning. Clean hands immediately after gloves are removed
- If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- For disinfection, diluted household bleach solutions, alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol, and most common EPA-registered household disinfectants should be effective.
 - Diluted household bleach solutions can be used if appropriate for the surface.
 - Products with EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claims are expected to be effective against COVID-19 based on data for known to kill viruses. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products
- For soft (porous) surfaces such as carpeted floor, rugs, and drapes, remove visible contamination if present and clean with appropriate cleaners indicated for use on these surfaces. After cleaning:
 - Launder items as appropriate in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. If possible, launder items using the warmest appropriate water setting for the items and dry items completely, or
 - Use products with the EPA-approved emerging viral pathogens claims that are suitable for porous surfaces

Clothing, towels, linens and other items that go in the laundry

- Wear disposable gloves when handling dirty laundry from an ill person and then discard after each use.
- If no gloves are used when handling dirty laundry, be sure to wash hands afterwards
- If possible, do not shake dirty laundry.
- Launder items as appropriate in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. If possible, launder items using the warmest appropriate water setting for the items and dry items completely.

More information is available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/cleaning-disinfection.html>