

CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

Tips on how to maintain a safe and clean home during the COVID-19 outbreak.

ROUTINE CLEANING AND DISINFECTION OF HOUSEHOLDS

Community members can practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces (for example: tables, doorknobs, light switches, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, sinks) with household cleaners and EPA-registered disinfectants.



DISINFECTANTS YOU CAN USE IN YOUR HOME

Disinfecting refers to using chemicals to kill germs on surfaces. Clean the surface first with a soap/detergent to remove dirt/grease and then disinfect. The EPA has a list of disinfectants that are effective in killing coronavirus on surfaces and can be found on their website at www.epa.gov

PRODUCTS TO USE IF YOU CANNOT BUY A DISINFECTANT

If you cannot purchase a disinfectant, common household items like hydrogen peroxide, rubbing/isopropyl alcohol (at least 70%) and bleach can be used to create effective disinfectants. Follow manufacturer's instructions for application, dilution and proper ventilation. Bleach can be an ear, nose and throat irritant, use with caution!



GIVE THE DISINFECTANT TIME TO WORK

In order for a disinfectant to work effectively, it needs a minimum "contact time" on the surface before the disinfectant should be wiped off. The contact time can be different based on the product and concentration, be sure to check the product label or manufacturer's website for further instructions.