

How Best to Clean and Disinfect During COVID-19

- **Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.** This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, tablets, toilets, faucets, sinks and frequently used toys as able.
- **If surfaces are dirty, clean them first.** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

To disinfect:

Most common EPA-registered household disinfectants will work. Use disinfectants appropriate for the surface.

Options for disinfectants include:

- **Diluting your household bleach.** To make a bleach solution, mix:
 - 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water

OR

 - 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water
- **Follow application instructions and expiration date.** Read the manufacturer's instructions for application, concentration and ventilation. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date.
- **Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser.** Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.
- **Alcohol solutions.** Ensure solution has at least 70% alcohol.
- **Other common EPA-registered household disinfectants (Clorox or Lysol wipes, among many others...)** Products with EPA approved emerging viral pathogens ([see the link at the bottom of the page](#))ⁱ are expected to be effective against COVID-19 based on data for harder to kill viruses.
- **Remember to wash your hands** thoroughly after using these products, or better yet, use gloves to protect your hands during use.

ⁱ Link to list of EPA approved disinfectant products: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>