



Cleaning and Disinfecting for COVID-19: Guidelines for Janitorial Staff

Many common disinfectants are effective for Corona virus. Daily cleaning and disinfection will reduce germs that help spread the virus. Take proper steps for cleaning and disinfecting surfaces to assist in removing germs. When doing routine cleaning and disinfecting, use a product that is effective as well as the correct Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) recommended on the label for the product.

Supplies and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) needed for cleaning chemicals

- Gloves, masks (not specialized N95 masks used for infection control, only masks used for barrier protection from cleaning chemicals), and goggles/safety glasses for protection of skin and eyes during cleaning.
- Protective clothing that can be thrown away or washed.
- Paper towels, garbage bags, scrubbing pads/cleaning brushes.
- Disinfectant products (the best you can find on the market) labeled spray bottles and/ or wipes.
- Measuring cups if diluting concentrated products.
- Hand sanitizer with 60% to 90% alcohol.

Note: Respirators such as N95 masks are only recommended for people who are sick and for those who are caring for people who are ill and are not recommended for routine cleaning and disinfection.

Personal protection for janitorial staff

- Wear disposal facemask (not specialized N95 masks used for infection control, only for barrier protection from cleaning chemicals) and gloves. Throw away the gloves when done.
- Wear protective clothing (apron) if possible, to prevent contamination of clothing.
- Store commonly used cleaning products in areas only accessible by staff to avoid excessive handling.
- Wash hands with soap and water after cleaning. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if hand washing is not available.
- Open doors and windows when cleaning.
- JATT is working on the most current information about products that will be effective against COVID-19.

A list of Novel Corona virus (COVID-19) Fighting Products from the American Chemistry Council Center for Biocide Chemistries (CBC) contains the most up to date product list. Follow this link to view the CBC's list <https://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf>