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CLEANING SURFACES: Disinfect Surfaces at Home and Work Regularly

from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

When Cleaning:

- ◆ Wear reusable or disposable gloves for routine cleaning and disinfection.
- ◆ Clean surfaces using soap and water, then use disinfectant.
- ◆ Cleaning with soap and water **reduces number of germs, dirt and impurities** on the surface. **Disinfecting kills germs** on surfaces.
- ◆ Practice routine cleaning of frequently touched surfaces. High touch surfaces include tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, sinks, etc.



When Disinfecting:

- ◆ 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

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.
OR
- ◆ Disinfect with an **EPA-registered household disinfectant**.

Electronics

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

- ◆ Consider putting a **wipeable 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.

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