

DISINFECTING DURING COVID-19:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



What we know from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is that COVID-19 is primarily spread through airborne person-to-person transmission:

- Through large droplets expelled in sneezes and coughs
- Through smaller aerosolized droplets, as from conversations, during which saliva spray can linger in the air
- Less through touching surfaces

It's still important to disinfect surfaces. When an aerosol-producing event has occurred, here are the best practices, based on what we know today:

- Give a fresh mask to the sick person and escort them to the appropriate isolation location.
- Close the door to the location where the aerosol occurred for 30 minutes.
- Wear gloves, mask and protective eye gear when cleaning the room. Wash hands well after cleaning.
- Clean all hard surfaces with an EPA-approved cleaner (or cleaner approved by REM), wet enough so that it has the appropriate dwell time of 2-3 minutes, or wash in soapy water and dry.
- Spray any soft surfaces that cannot be wiped down with an EPA-approved spray (or a spray approved by REM).
- Ventilate the space well.



Continue:

- Washing your hands
- Cleaning surfaces as you would normally
- Practicing social distancing

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