SURFACE DISINFECTION IN THE TIME OF COVID-19



Recent attention in the media regarding the transmission of the novel coronavirus and the significance of surface disinfection against SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) has contributed to some confusion. The FAQs below were developed to help address questions that may arise and provide some clarification with the answers.

1. What is the primary mode of transmission for COVID-19?

a. The primary mode of transmission is through respiratory droplets from 1 infected person to another person when talking, sneezing, singing, coughing, etc.

2. Can the virus that causes COVID-19 be transmitted by a contaminated surface?

- a. Yes, SARS-CoV-2, is a novel coronavirus that can contaminate and survive on environmental surfaces for some period-of-time dependent on type of surface and other environmental factors. Some studies report survivability of human coronavirus for 3 days¹ and others report up to 9 days.²
- b. The virus can enter a person's body when the contaminated surface is touched by hands, and unwashed hands then touch a person's eyes/mouth/nose.

3. Do surfaces need to be cleaned and disinfected?

- a. Yes, it is important to clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched by many persons or equipment/devices that are shared/used on several people (i.e. healthcare devices).
- b. The virus is easily killed on surfaces by chemical disinfectants that are listed on the EPA List N.³
 - i. Sani-Cloth[®] Prime wipes, Sani-Prime[®] spray, Super Sani-Cloth[®] wipes, Sani-Cloth[®] AF3 wipes, and Sani-Cloth[®] Bleach wipes are on EPA's List N for the emerging viral pathogen claim, which are recommended by the CDC for surface disinfection to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

4. What is the best way to prevent COVID-19 infection?

- a. The best way to prevent COVID-19 infection is to not put yourself at risk by:
 - i. Maintaining physical distance (at least 6 feet away from others).
 - ii. Perform frequent handwashing or hand hygiene after handling potentially contaminated surfaces and especially before touching eyes/mouth/nose.
 - iii. Avoid large crowds or crowded spaces.
 - iv. Wear mask when necessary in public spaces; masks may provide some protection from asymptomatic persons expelling respiratory droplets.
 - v. Perform environmental surface disinfection with approved disinfectants as listed in #3 above.

For information on PDI surface disinfectants, go to https://pdihc.com/pdi-healthcares-infection-prevention-products-among-first-to-be-tested-directly-against-sars-cov-2/

¹van Doremalen N, Bushmaker T, Morris DH, et al. Aerosol and surface stability of SARS-CoV-2 as compared with SARS-CoV-1. NEJM March 18, 2020. ²Kampf G, Todt D, Pfaender S, Steinmann E, Persistence of coronaviruses on inanimate surfaces and its inactivation with biocidal agents, Journal of Hospital Infection, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhin.2020.01.022. ³https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2



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ENVIRONMENT OF CARE FOCUS PRODUCTS FOR COVID-19

THE BELOW PRODUCTS ARE ON EPA'S LIST N³ FOR THE EMERGING VIRAL PATHOGEN CLAIM, WHICH ARE RECOMMENDED BY THE CDC FOR SURFACE DISINFECTION TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19.

SURFACE DISINFECTION	SURFACE DISINFECTION	SURFACE DISINFECTION	SURFACE DISINFECTION
Sani- Prime	Super Sani-Cloth	Sani-Cloth GERMICIDAL DISPOSABLE WIPE	Sani-Cloth GERMICIDAL DISPOSABLE WIPE
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A 1 MINUTE OVERALL CONTACT TIME, INTERMEDIATE LEVEL DISINFECTANT FOR ALL YOUR HIGH-TOUCH, HOUSEWIDE SURFACE DISINFECTION NEEDS.	IDEAL FOR DAILY USE IN FAST-PACED ENVIRONMENTS THAT REQUIRE SHORT CONTACT TIMES AND BROAD COVERAGE OF MICROORGANISMS.	PROTECTING YOUR PATIENTS HAS NEVER BEEN EASIER. FRAGRANCE FREE – IDEAL FOR USE AROUND PATIENTS AND STAFF, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH RESPIRATORY SENSITIVITIES.	IDEAL FOR DISINFECTING AREAS CONTAMINATED WITH CLOSTRIDIOIDES DIFFICILE SPORES AND NOROVIRUS.
REORDER WIPE CASE NO. SIZE PACK	REORDER WIPE CASE NO. SIZE PACK	REORDER WIPE CASE NO. SIZE PACK	REORDER WIPE CASE NO. SIZE PACK
160/can Large Canister P25372 6" x 6.75" 12 cans/ case	160/can Large Canister Q55172 6" x 6.75" 12 cans/ case	160/can Large Canister P13872 6" x 6.75" 12 cans/ case	75/can Large Canister P54072 6" x 10.5" 12 cans/ case
70/can Extra-Large P24284 7.5" x 15" 6 cans Canister case	Extra-Large Q86984 7.5" x 15" 65/can Canister Q86984 7.5" x 15" 6 cans/ case	Extra-Large P63884 7.5" x 15" 6 cans/ Canister case	Extra-Large P25784 7.5" x 15" 65/can Canister P25784 7.5" x 15" 6 cans/ case
32 oz/bottle, Spray Bottle X12309 n/a 9 bottles/ case	Large 50/box Individual Packets H04082 5" x 8" 10 boxes/ case	Large 50/box Individual Packets H59200 5" x 8" 10 boxes/ case	Large Individual Packets H58195 5" x 7" 10 boxes/ case
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	X-Large Individual Packets U87295 11.5" x 50/box 11.75" 3 boxes/ case	X-Large U27500 11.5" x 50/box Individual Packets U27500 11.75" x 3 boxes/ case	X-Large Individual Packets U26595 11.5" x 40/box 11.75" 3 boxes/ case
	Individual Packets U87295 11.5 X 3 boxes/	Individual Packets U27500 11.5" X 3 boxes/	A-Large Individual PacketsU2659511.5°X 11.75"3 boxes/ casePailP7007P7.5" x 15"2 pails/
	Individual Packets U87295 11.5 X 3 boxes/	Individual Packets U27500 11.3 x 3 boxes/ case 027500 11.75 8 80/pack, Portable Pack M8063S80 8.2" x 80/pack, 9 packs/	Individual Packets U26595 11.75" 3 boxes/ case 160/pail



³ https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2 ⁴Market leadership claims based on GHX 2019 Q4 trend report

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