

Update: Cleaning and Disinfection

- Cleaning physically removes, but does not kill microorganisms
- Disinfection kills or inactivates microorganisms
- CDC's [Science Brief: SARS-CoV-2 and Surface \(Fomite\) Transmission for Indoor Community Environments](#): risk of spread by contact with contaminated surfaces is generally low
 - Applies to community settings (not healthcare facilities)
 - In most cases, cleaning is sufficient to lower the risk of this type of spread
 - Disinfection is recommended when someone with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 was in the space in the past 24 hours
 - Other [prevention measures](#) include washing hands often and wearing masks consistently and correctly

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CDC's [Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#) and [Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Home](#):

- Regular cleaning of homes and once daily cleaning of facilities is recommended when no one is sick or diagnosed with COVID-19
- Facilities may consider more frequent cleaning and disinfection in [certain circumstances](#)
- If someone is sick or diagnosed with COVID-19, recommendations depend on when the person was in the facility
 - If <24 hours have passed, the space should be cleaned and then disinfected
 - If >24 hours have passed, the space should be cleaned, but does not need to be disinfected. Facilities may consider disinfection based on facility requirements or [certain circumstances](#).
 - If >3 days have passed, no additional cleaning is needed outside of routine cleaning