COVID-19 SUMMARY GUIDANCE #7
Cleaning and disinfection management

Viability of SARS-CoV-2 on aerosols and different surfaces

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<th>Type of surface / aerosol</th>
<th>Viability</th>
<th>Half-life (hours)</th>
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<td>Aerosols</td>
<td>Up to 3 hours</td>
<td>1.1-1.2</td>
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<td>Stainless steel</td>
<td>Up to 72 hours</td>
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<td>Cardboard/paper</td>
<td>Up to 24 hours</td>
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<td>Plastic</td>
<td>Up to 72 hours</td>
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<td>Copper</td>
<td>Up to 4 hours</td>
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Source: Neeltje van Doremalen, 2020

Disinfectants or disinfection methods for commonly contaminated objects

SARS-CoV-2 is sensitive to:
• Ultraviolet radiation
• Heat (56°C for 30 minutes)
• Disinfectants (for one minute):
  o Ether
  o Ethanol (62-75%)
  o Hydrogen peroxide 0.5%
  o Sodium hypochlorite 0.1%
  o Other chlorine-containing disinfectants
  o Peracetic acid
  o Chloroform
  o (Chlorhexidine could not effectively inactivate SARS-CoV-2)

Recommended applications

**Hands**: Soap and water, alcohol-containing quick-drying hand disinfectant, chlorine-containing disinfectant, hydrogen peroxide

**Skin**: 0.5% iodine-based disinfectant, hydrogen peroxide

**Mucosa**: 0.05% iodine-based disinfectant

For details and supporting references, consult the complete guidance document at www.fip.org/coronavirus

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