<u> GREEN ORCHARD</u> GROUP

CHECKLIST: **COVID-19 DISINFECTING** & SANITIZING



Coronavirus lives longer on certain types of surfaces. Know which types of surfaces pose a higher risk for coronavirus contamination.

HIGH RISK: glass, steel, plastic, and ceramics

MEDIUM RISK: wood, cardboard, and paper

LOW RISK: copper, aluminum, and fabric

- Make a list of frequently-touched surfaces and common areas that need to be disinfected regularly.
 - Doorknobs and handles
 - Tables and countertops
 - Chairs and desks
 - Toilets, faucets, and sinks
 - Light switches
 - Elevator buttons
 - Phones, keyboards, and touchscreens

Prepare

- Use disinfectants that meet the EPA's criteria for use against COVID-19 (check the list N tool).
 - If not available, use one of these alternatives:
 - 1/3 cup of bleach mixed with 1 gallon of water
 - 70% alcohol solution
- Wear personal protective equipment (PPE) when cleaning and disinfecting.
 - Gloves
 - Face masks
 - Gowns, aprons, or work uniforms
 - Check the disinfectant label for additional PPE needs
- If someone has tested positive, close off all areas that person has been in contact with for at least 24 hours before starting.
- Open doors and windows for ventilation, especially when handling chemicals.
- Clean surfaces with soap and water prior to disinfecting.

Disinfect

□ Read and follow the instructions on the disinfectant label. • Cover surfaces with the disinfectant solution as evenly and completely as possible.



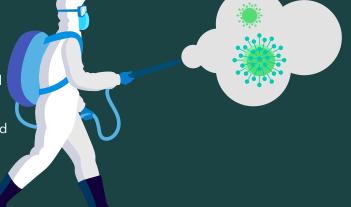
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STEP 2

• Most disinfectant products require you to keep the surface wet for a specific amount of time before drying.

- □ When possible, launder soft surfaces such as carpets, rugs, and drapes on the warmest appropriate water settings and then dry them completely.
- Place wipeable covers on electronics such as keyboards and computers and clean them with alcohol-based wipes or sprays with 70% alcohol.



Maintain

- Establish a regular schedule for disinfecting and sanitizing.
 - Frequently-touched surfaces, such as door handles, light switches, and faucets, should be disinfected at least daily.
 - More frequent cleaning and disinfection may be required based on the level of use.

□ HVAC recommendations:

- Use air filters with a MERV 13 rating or higher.
- Increase outside air ventilation to remove the virus via fresh air replacement.
- Ensure that areas with limited airflow have a mechanism to exhaust air.
- Maintain humidity levels at 40 to 60 percent relative humidity.
- Move or remove items to reduce frequent handling or contact from multiple people.
- Enforce social distancing and the use of face masks.
- Place disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer in easily-accessible locations.



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