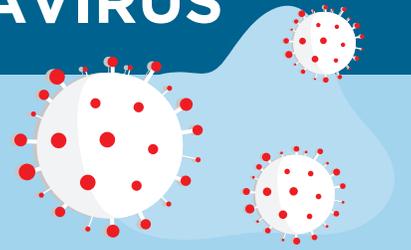


# PROPER USE OF DISINFECTANTS IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS

To properly clean and safely disinfect for the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), facility managers and staff must understand how to properly identify and use the right products.



## IS YOUR DISINFECTANT EFFECTIVE AGAINST CORONAVIRUS?

### Seal of Approval

Use disinfecting/antimicrobial products that have been registered for use against specific types of viruses by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the EPA activated the “Emerging Viral Pathogen Guidance for Antimicrobial Pesticides,” allowing legal “off-label” use of disinfectants against a novel virus.



### Check the Source

If you aren't sure your disinfectant can combat coronavirus, refer to the manufacturer's website or EPA's “List N” of approved disinfectants.



### Around the Globe

Every country has their own requirement for disinfectant claims for SARS-CoV-2. Always review the requirements and approvals in your country.



ISSA, the worldwide cleaning industry association, is here to help cleaning industry professionals understand how to properly clean and safely disinfect for the novel coronavirus. For more information about disinfecting for coronavirus, visit [www.issa.com](http://www.issa.com).

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## TO PROPERLY CLEAN AND DISINFECT, FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE TIPS:

### Spray and Stay

#### 10 seconds – 10 minutes:

Disinfectant dwell times range anywhere from 10 seconds to 10 minutes. Read the instructions on the back of the bottle to achieve virus kill claims.



### “C” comes before “D”

**Clean first** - Before disinfecting, use an all-purpose cleaner to effectively remove dust, debris, and other contaminants on a surface.



**Disinfect second** - Apply an EPA-registered disinfectant to the surface and keep the surface wet for the required dwell time.

### One and Done

**1** - The number of surfaces you should clean with a single side of a towel or disinfecting wipe. Once finished, use a clean side of the towel or a new towel or disposable wipe.



### Scrub, Rinse, Repeat

**20 seconds** - The amount of time you should spend washing your hands with soap and water before, during, and after cleaning.



**60%** - Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol when soap and water is unavailable.