

Cleaning and disinfection guidance

If you have a



new and
continuous cough

or



high
temperature

stay at home for 7 days, if you live alone

stay at home for 14 days, if you live with others, including all household members

Only use **NHS 111** if your symptoms get worse or are no better after home isolation

Stop the spread of coronavirus



Wash your hands more often and for 20 seconds

Use soap and water or a hand sanitiser when you:

- Get home or into work
- Blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- Eat or handle food



Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue away straight away



Cleaning an area with regular household disinfectant after someone with suspected coronavirus has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection on to other people

The amount of virus living on surfaces will reduce significantly after

72 hours

If an area can be kept closed and secure, wait until this time has passed before cleaning



Wherever possible, wear disposable or washing up gloves and aprons for cleaning. These should be double bagged, then stored securely for 72 hours then thrown away in the regular rubbish after cleaning is finished

If an area has been heavily contaminated, such as with visible bodily fluids, from a person with coronavirus, **consider using protection for the eyes, mouth and nose** as well as gloves and apron



Using a disposable cloth, first clean hard surfaces with warm soapy water



Then disinfect these surfaces with the cleaning products you normally use. Pay particular attention to **frequently touched areas and surfaces**, such as bathrooms, grab-rails in corridors and stairwells and door handles

Wash hands regularly with soap and water, **and after removing** gloves, aprons and other protection used whilst cleaning