

Due to evolving knowledge and experience with COVID-19, the CDC’s and the University’s guidance has been updated to reflect the University’s documented cleaning and disinfection response procedure.

According to the CDC, “the virus that causes COVID-19 can land on surfaces. It’s possible for people to become infected if they touch those surfaces and then touch their nose, mouth or eyes. In most situations, the [risk of infection from touching a surface is low](#). The most reliable way to prevent infection from surfaces is to [regularly wash hands or use hand sanitizer](#).”

When to Clean and When to Disinfect

University Facilities has returned to pre-COVID cleaning protocols which provide recommended cleaning and disinfection in publicly used spaces. However, in all situations, ensuring appropriate cleaning and disinfection of areas following a suspected COVID-19 case is the responsibility of the occupant.

To decrease the risk of infection from surfaces, the CDC recommends the following:

Situation	Cleaning	Disinfecting
Routine – daily use and when no one with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 has accessed the space	Regular cleaning with products containing soap or detergent.	Not needed.
If more than 24 hours have passed since the person who is sick or diagnosed with COVID-19 has been in the space		Consider disinfecting depending on certain conditions or everyday practices required by your facility.
If more than 3 days have passed since the person who is sick or diagnosed with COVID-19 has been in the space		Not needed.
If less than 24 hours have passed since the person who is sick or diagnosed with COVID-19 has been in the space	Cleaning <i>and</i> disinfecting the space is recommended.	

References

CDC Guidance for Cleaning Your Facility

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html

Link to Clemson COVID-19 website and approved disinfectants

www.clemson.edu/studentaffairs/documents/CBC%20COVID19%20Product%20List4.pdf

EPA's Disinfectants for Coronavirus (COVID-19)

www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2-covid-19