

# COVID-19 CLEANING RECOMMENDATIONS

for Food Animal Operations



At Animal Health International, the health and safety of our customers and the animals they care for are our top priority. Because you are a crucial part of maintaining a stable food supply, it is imperative to help limit the exposure and survival of the coronavirus (COVID-19). We've compiled a list of cleaning and disinfection guidelines as recommended by the CDC and AVMA to use within your operation.



## Hard (Nonporous) Surfaces

Hard surfaces should be rid of dirt and debris prior to disinfection using a detergent or soap and water. For disinfection, most common EPA-registered household disinfectants should be effective.

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products for concentration, application method and contact time, etc.
- Additionally, diluted household bleach solutions (at least 1,000 ppm sodium hypochlorite) can be used if appropriate for the surface. Follow manufacturer's instructions for application, ensuring a contact time of at least 1 minute, and allowing proper ventilation during and after application. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted. Prepare a bleach solution by mixing:
  - > 5 tablespoons (1/3 cup) bleach per gallon of water or
  - > 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water



## Soft (Porous) Surfaces

For soft (porous) surfaces such as carpeted floor, rugs, and drapes, remove visible contamination if present and clean with appropriate cleaners indicated for use on these surfaces. After cleaning:

- If the items can be laundered, launder items in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions using the warmest appropriate water setting for the items and then dry items completely.
- Otherwise, refer to the EPA-approved list of items that are suitable for porous surfaces.



## Electronics

For electronics such as tablets, touchscreens, keyboards and mouse, remote controls, and other machines or equipment, remove visible contamination if present.

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products.
- Consider use of wipeable covers for electronics.
- If no manufacturer guidance is available, consider the use of alcohol-based wipes or sprays containing at least 70% alcohol to disinfect touchscreens. Dry surfaces thoroughly to avoid pooling of liquids.



## Linens, Clothing, and Other Items That Go in the Laundry

In order to minimize the possibility of dispersing virus through the air, **do not shake** dirty laundry.

- Wash items as appropriate in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. If possible, launder items using the warmest appropriate water setting for the items and dry items completely. Dirty laundry that has been in contact with an ill person can be washed with other people's items.
- Clean and disinfect hampers or other carts for transporting laundry according to guidance above for hard or soft surfaces.

Approved disinfectants: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

## Resource Links

[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html)

[www.cfsph.iastate.edu/](http://www.cfsph.iastate.edu/)

[www.usda.gov/coronavirus](http://www.usda.gov/coronavirus)

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