

Cleaning Practices for Covid-19



Best practice is described in Government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-decontamination-in-non-healthcare-settings>

Overview

- Cleaning frequency should increase compared to pre-pandemic standards to help reduce the risk of the virus surviving on surfaces.
- There is a significant reduction in virus survival on surfaces after 48 hours.
- However, viruses may survive on some surfaces up to 72 hours.

General Cleaning

- It is recommended that detergents and diluted bleach be used on hand contact surfaces.
- General cleaning should occur at least twice a day with a thorough clean at either the start or end of the day.
- Hand contact surfaces must be cleaned more frequently taking into account the location of the surface e.g. main entrance door handle and the number of visitors to the venue.
- Normal laundering at the hottest applicable temperature for the garment is suitable.
- The use of a commercial dishwasher for utensils and equipment is acceptable.

Cleaning for Areas Visited by a Symptomatic Case or Person Testing Positive for Covid-19

It is recommended that the following items are utilised during the cleaning process:

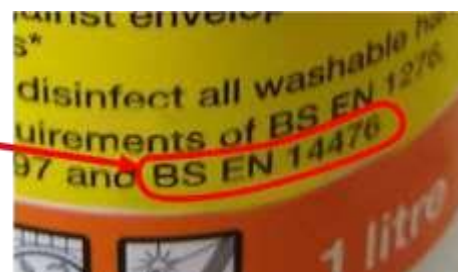
- Disposable gloves and apron worn by staff
- Disposable cloths and mop heads are used
- Additional PPE covering eyes, nose and mouth (Type IIR fluid resistant surgical masks) worn by staff cleaning highly contaminated areas such as hotel bedrooms.

Traffic routes visited by such a person can be cleaned using general cleaning techniques detailed above.

Contact surfaces such as tables, chairs and door handles must utilise one of the following methods:

- A combined [detergent/disinfectant](#) solution giving 1000 ppm of available chlorine.
- A separate [detergent](#) followed by a [disinfectant](#) solution giving 1000 ppm available chlorine e.g.: Milton disinfectant/tablets.
- An alternative [sanitizer](#) effective against Enveloped Viruses and tested to BS EN 14476:2013.

Look for the **BS EN 14476** on the bottle





Please remember when choosing a product –


- Make sure they are tested to **BS EN 14476**
- Pay attention to the contact time for the cleaner to be effective and kill the virus. Longer contact times may not be practical for regular and rapid cleaning requirements such as touch points, door handles, or situations where staff do not have time to leave the product on the surface for 5 minutes. Choose a product with a shorter contact time.
- Make sure you and your staff follow the instructions for the product chosen.
- If your chosen product needs to be diluted before use, make sure you use the correct dilution level.
- Supervise staff to make sure they don't cut corners.
- Remind staff regularly to clean down surfaces, touch points, etc properly, use the right product, and following the instructions.
- Thoroughly research the products to check their effectiveness and, how to use them appropriately.
- Surface wipes are excellent to use for pinch points established within your workplace. These should be cleaned at regular intervals throughout the day (3-4 times+).


Below are examples of products you can use.

Antiviral Sanitiser


Sursol Disinfecting Surface Spray	
British Standard	BS EN 14476
Contact Time	30 Seconds
Size	1l, 5l
Dilution	Ready to use

Care Guard Extreme	
British Standard	BS EN 14476
Contact Time	2 Minutes
Size	750ml, 5l
Dilution	Ready to use


Viro Care Professional	
British Standard	BS EN 14476
Contact Time	2 Minutes
Size	750ml
Dilution	Ready to use


D10 Suma Bac	
British Standard	BS EN 14476
Contact Time	5 Minutes
Size	2l, 5l
Dilution	2%


Clean Pro+ Antiviral Disinfectant	
British Standard	BS EN 14476
Contact Time	5 Minutes
Size	1l
Dilution	Ready to use

Evans Safe Zone Plus	
British Standard	BS EN 14476
Contact Time	5 Minutes
Size	750ml, 5l
Dilution	Ready to use

Surface wipes


Clinell- Universal Heavy-Duty Multipurpose Wipes	
British Standard	BS EN 14476
Contact Time	30 seconds
Size	100 wipes
Dilution	Single use

Uniwipe Clinical Disinfectant Midi-Wipes	
British Standard	BS EN 14476
Contact Time	1 minute
Size	200 wipes
Dilution	Single use wipes


Milton Anti-Bacterial Surface Wipes	
British Standard	BS EN 14476
Contact Time	30 seconds(minimum)
Size	100 wipes
Dilution	Single use


Hand Sanitisers

Handsan Alcohol Free	
British Standard	BS EN 14476
Contact Time	20 Seconds
Size	5l
Dilution	Ready to use

Evan's Handsan 70% Alcohol	
British Standard	BS EN 14476
Contact Time	1 Minute
Size	500ml, 2l
Dilution	Ready to use

Fabric & Sanitisers

Infect protect	
British Standard	BS EN 14476
Contact Time	Spray on & leave to dry
Size	5l
Dilution	Ready to use

Panaz Shield Plus protect	
British Standard	BS EN 14476
Contact Time	Spray on & leave to dry
Size	750ml
Dilution	Ready to use

Steam Cleaning and Viricidal Fogging Treatments are available for items not able to be disinfected or laundered such as upholstered furniture, carpets and mattresses. Hard surfaces in a room to be fogged should be cleaned and disinfected using traditional methods prior to the fogging agent being used. Such surfaces should also be thoroughly cleaned after fogging to remove residues.

Waste created by the cleaning process might include PPE, disposable cloths, aprons, mops and tissues. These items should be:

- Placed in plastic refuse bag which is tied when full.
- This full bag should then be placed into a second plastic refuse bag and tied.
- Store this refuse separately until a negative test result is received or 72 hours have elapsed if a confirmed case.

Dispose of in the general waste bin after this.

Remember!

