

Flatten the Curve



Cleaning and Disinfecting Home, Work, and Community Areas

Hard Surfaces (Non-Porous):

- Always clean the surface with soap and water **prior** to using household disinfectants
- Diluted bleach solutions:
 - **Follow manufacturer instructions**
 - Ensure contact time is at least 1 minute
 - The product must not be expired
 - Allow ventilation during and after use
- Bleach Mixtures:
 - 5 tablespoons bleach per gallon of water; or
 - 4 teaspoons of bleach per quart of water
- **NEVER** mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleaner



Soft Surfaces (Porous):

- Remove visible contamination and clean with appropriate surface cleaners
- Put surfaces in laundry, if possible, in accordance with manufacturer's instructions
- Examples of soft surfaces include: carpet, rugs, drapes, etc.

Electronics:

- Follow manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products
- If no guidance is available, use alcohol-based wipes or sprays with at least 70% alcohol. Dry surfaces thoroughly
- Examples: cell phones, tablets, touch screens, keyboards, and ATM machines

Cleaning vs. Disinfecting

- **'Cleaning'** is the removal of dirt and impurities, including germs, from surfaces.
 - Cleaning alone does not kill germs.
 - By removing the germs, it decreases their number and therefore risk of spreading infection.
- **'Disinfecting'** works by using chemicals, for example EPA-registered disinfectants, to kill germs on surfaces.
 - Does not necessarily clean dirty surfaces or remove germs.
 - Killing germs remaining on a surface after cleaning further reduces risk of spreading infection.