

# Cleaning and disinfection guidance

Common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)



new and  
continuous cough

or



high  
temperature

If **you have symptoms** of coronavirus, you need to **self-isolate for 7 days**

If **you live with someone who has symptoms**, you need to **self-isolate for 14 days** from the day their symptoms started

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



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



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

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