

# Home Cleaning Guidance for COVID-19 Coronavirus

*This guidance is for cleaning your home for COVID-19 coronavirus.*

## **Routine Cleaning and Disinfection**

- Clean first to remove germs and dirt.
  - Clean all regularly touched surfaces, like tables, chairs, doorknobs, light switches, remotes, handles, desks, toilets, faucets, and sinks. Use the household cleaner you usually use and follow the directions on the label.
- Disinfect using an EPA-registered disinfectant that is appropriate for the surface. Follow the directions on the label.
  - Examples of appropriate disinfectants can be found at [bit.ly/EPAproducts](https://www.epa.gov/products).
- Read product labels and be sure to use cleaning products safely and correctly. Follow any instructions on the product like wearing gloves or airing out the space.

## **Cleaning and Disinfecting Homes with People Suspected or Confirmed to have COVID-19 Coronavirus**

- Clean and disinfect regularly touched surfaces in household common areas every day.
- As much as possible, make sure a sick person stays in a separate room and uses a separate bathroom from others in the home.
  - Only clean these rooms when necessary (when an item or surface is dirty) to avoid close contact with the sick person.
  - If a separate bathroom is not available, the bathroom should be cleaned and disinfected after each use by a sick person.
- If the person is able to clean the room themselves, provide them with personal cleaning supplies, like tissues, garbage bags, paper towels, cleaners, and disinfectants.
- Wash laundry thoroughly.
  - Wear throwaway gloves when handling dirty laundry from a sick person. After you remove the gloves, throw them away and wash your hands with soap and water.
  - Follow directions on laundry and detergent labels. If possible, launder items using the warmest recommended water setting and dry items completely.