

# How long do coronaviruses\* live on surfaces?

\* Coronaviruses are a family of viruses that includes the SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. This information is for your reference only and is changing constantly.

Surface	Time
Metal	5 Days
Glass	Up to 5 Days
Ceramics	5 Days
Paper	Up to 5 Days
Wood	4 Days
Plastic	2 to 3 Days
Stainless Steel	2 to 3 Days
Cardboard	1 Day
Aluminum	2 to 8 Hours
Copper	4 Hours
Food/Water	Doesn't seem to spread through food and hasn't been found in water

Transmission of novel coronavirus to persons from surfaces contaminated with the virus has not been documented.



## What you can do:

Disinfect all surfaces and objects in your home daily with a household cleaning spray or wipe. Wash hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and warm water, especially after visiting the supermarket or bringing in packages.

Sources: CDC, FDA, Medical Review, Brunilda Nazario, MD, 03/24/2020.