Coronavirus (COVID-19) information for cleaners

COVID-19 symptoms can develop within 2 to 14 days of exposure.

COVID-19 can only be diagnosed with a laboratory test.

There is no specific treatment or vaccine for COVID-19.

You could get the virus if:
• You come into close contact with someone who has the virus and is coughing.
• You touch an object or surface with the virus on it, then touch your mouth, nose or eyes before washing your hands.

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Prevention practices

Daily clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that people frequently touch.

Do not touch eyes, mouth or nose when cleaning.

Clean with diluted household bleach solutions or use alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol.

Damp-mop floors instead of dry-mopping them.

Use disposable gloves when cleaning.

If no gloves, wash hands immediately after cleaning.

What to do if you suspect you have been exposed to COVID-19

Alert your supervisor and occupational health clinic immediately.

5 cleaning tips for prevention

Practice good hand and respiratory hygiene.

Avoid close contact with people who are coughing.

Stay at home if you are ill.

Wipe down all surfaces with disinfectant.

Wear a mask if you have symptoms.

Wash your hands well
- Wash for around 20 seconds.
- When washing your hands with soap and warm water, do not forget to wash in-between your fingers and the backs of your hands.

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