



HOW LONG DO THE CORONAVIRUSES LAST ON SURFACES?

Here's a guide to how long coronaviruses - the family of the viruses that includes the one that causes COVID-19 can live on some of the surfaces you probably touch on a daily basis.



Metal - **5 days**

Examples include: doorknobs, jewelry, silverware.



Wood - **4 days**

Examples include: furniture, decking



Plastics - **2 to 3 days**

Examples include: packaging like milk containers and detergent bottles, subway and bus seats, backpacks, elevator buttons



Glass - **Up to 5 days**

Examples include: drinking glasses, measuring cups, mirrors, windows



Water - **Not found in water**

Coronavirus has not been found in drinking water. If it does get into the water supply, your local water treatment plant filters and disinfects the water, which should kill any germs.



Aluminum - **2 to 8 hours**

Examples: soda cans, tinfoil, water bottles



Stainless Steel - **2 to 3 days**

Examples include: refrigerators, pots and pans, sinks and some water bottles



Cardboard - **24 hours**

Examples include: shipping boxes



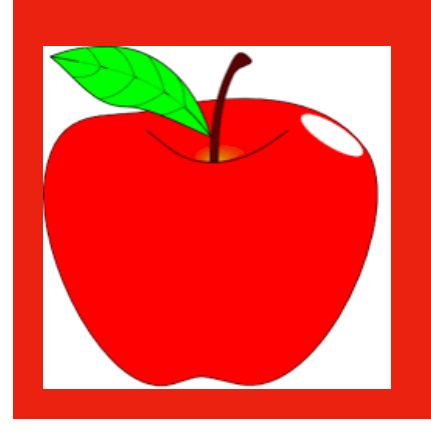
Paper - **Up to 5 days**

The length of the time varies. Some strains of coronavirus live for only a few minutes on paper while others up to 5 days.



Copper - **4 hours**

Examples: pennies, teakettles, cookware



Food - **Does not spread through food**

Coronavirus doesn't seem to spread through exposure to food.



Ceramics - **5 days**

Examples: dishes, pottery, mugs

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

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