

TIDY GREEN CLEAN

HEALTHY, HYGIENIC
ENVIRONMENTS

CLIENT CHECKS FOR RETURNING TO AN OFFICE ENVIRONMENT

A little background information

Experience of new coronaviruses (SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV) has been used to inform this guidance. The risk of infection depends on many factors, including:

- the type of surfaces contaminated;
- the amount of virus shed from the individual;
- the time the individual spends in the setting;
- the time since the individual was last in the setting.

The infection risk from coronavirus (COVID-19) following contamination of the environment decreases over time. It is not yet clear at what point there is no risk. However, studies of other viruses in the same family suggest that, in most circumstances, the risk is likely to be reduced significantly after 72 hours.

Guidelines for Cleaning & Disinfection

Public areas, such as corridors where a symptomatic individual has passed through and spent minimal time, but which are not visibly contaminated with body fluids, can be cleaned thoroughly as normal.

All surfaces that the symptomatic person has come into contact with must be cleaned and disinfected, including:

- objects which are visibly contaminated with body fluids;
- all potentially contaminated high-contact areas such as bathrooms, door handles, telephones, grab-rails in corridors and stairwells.

The use of disposable cloths or paper roll and disposable mop heads are recommended to clean all hard surfaces, floors, chairs, door handles and sanitary fittings, following one of these options:

- use either a combined detergent disinfectant solution at a dilution of 1,000 parts per million available chlorine;
- a household detergent followed by disinfection (1000 ppm av.cl.). Follow manufacturer's instructions for dilution, application and contact times for all detergents and disinfectants;
- if an alternative disinfectant is used within the organisation, this should be checked to ensure that it is effective against enveloped viruses.

Any cloths and mop heads used must be disposed of and should be put into waste bags and disposed of. Any items that are heavily contaminated with body fluids and cannot be cleaned by washing should be disposed of.

When items cannot be cleaned using detergents or laundered, e.g., upholstered furniture and mattresses, steam cleaning should be used. Any items that are heavily contaminated with body fluids and cannot be cleaned by washing should be disposed of.

Tidy Green Clean has a range of cleaning products available to them to provide this service – current clients will be familiar with the following approved cleaners:

- Byotrol's 4 in 1 Disinfectant Cleaner has successfully passed the European Standard EN 14476 test against Coronavirus within 60 seconds;
- Evan's Clean Fast;
- EC4 Sanitiser.

Advised Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

The minimum PPE to be worn for cleaning an area where a person with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) is disposable gloves. Hands should be washed with soap and water for 20 seconds after all PPE has been removed.

In addition to these guidelines TGC will supply mask to staff cleaning washroom facilities.

Things to consider before returning to work

Tidy Green Clean can help you implement a plan to ensure you are ready to reopen your business premises. We recommend you:

- Consider increasing cleaning frequency such that cleaning operatives are able to provide on site janitorial cover at all times the building is occupied;
- Ensure all hand contact points are cleaned throughout the day including, door furniture, handrails, IT equipment, desks, phones, flush plates, taps, dispensers, etc.,
- Ensure the cleaning service provider has a business continuity plan in place to cover their own unplanned sickness and absence;
- Ensure cleaning operatives are using appropriate certificated virucidal cleaners and wipes for daily preventative cleaning with clear usage methodology;
- Display advisory signage throughout the building, especially at entrances and exits and where people congregate. Refresh and update the signage regularly so it doesn't become 'wallpaper';
- Use virucidal sprays throughout the building. Make this available to staff so they can continuously self-clean their work areas throughout the day. Hand sanitiser in pump action/low contact containers should be available in every work area and at main travel routes through a building;
- Water should be run from the furthest tap from the water tank for minimum of 5 minutes to ensure water is free from Legionella – water temperature tests should be taken also.