

# Disinfection Protocol for Point of Care Testing for SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)

Name of Facility/Entity:

Name of Disinfectant Being Used:

## Directions

(e.g., spray, wipe, contact time):

Date Implemented: Reviewed By (Name/Title)

## Disinfecting Surfaces General Information

- Ensure proper ventilation during and after application of disinfectant, so no one inhales fumes from the disinfectant.
- **Always wear gloves appropriate for the chemicals being used** when you are cleaning and disinfecting. Additional personal protective equipment (PPE) may be needed based on setting and product. For more information, see [CDC's website on Cleaning and Disinfection for Community Facilities](#).
- Use an [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)-registered disinfectant](#) when disinfecting surfaces where specimens are collected and processed. Follow the manufacturer's application instructions for use, such as dilution, contact time, and safe handling.  **This facilities disinfectant is EPA registered.**
- Clean and disinfect surfaces where specimen collection, handling, and testing occur. Examples include tables, chairs, and bed frames.
- It is important to follow these recommendations to avoid cross-contamination and keep workers safe.<sup>1</sup>

### **Use chemical disinfectants safely!**

- Wear gloves and consider glasses or goggles for potential splash hazards to eyes
- Ensure adequate ventilation (for example, open windows)
- Use only the amount recommended on the label
- Use water at room temperature for dilution (unless stated otherwise on the label)
- Label diluted cleaning solutions
- Store and use chemicals out of the reach of children and pets
- Do not mix products or chemicals
- Do not eat, drink, breathe, or inject cleaning and disinfection products into your body or apply directly to your skin as they can cause serious harm
- Do not wipe or bathe pets with any cleaning and disinfection products
- To print a poster see EPA's [Six Steps for Safe and Effective Disinfectant Use](#).<sup>2</sup>

Special considerations should be made for people with asthma. Some cleaning and disinfection products can trigger asthma. If applicable: [Learn more about reducing your chance of an asthma attack while disinfecting to prevent COVID-19](#).

## Disinfect surfaces within 6 feet of the specimen collection/handling area:

- Before testing begins each day
- Between each specimen collection
- At least hourly during testing
- When visibly soiled
- In the event of a specimen spill or splash
- At the end of every testing day.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [Guidance for SARS-CoV-2 Point-of-Care Testing](#), CDC

<sup>2</sup> [Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility](#), CDC