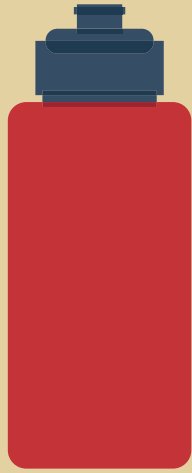


HOW LONG DOES THE CORONAVIRUS PERSIST ON DIFFERENT SURFACES?



SEVENTY-TWO HOURS

Plastic and stainless steel

Plastic and stainless steel are two of the most common surfaces in your home. Since the virus can live up to 3 days on them, it is important to frequently wipe down frequently used items with disinfectant.

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS

Cardboard

Cardboard can be sprayed with a disinfectant. It is important to keep in mind that it may cause it to rip or it will always smell like the spray that is used. Another option is to place the cardboard in storage so people can not get infected from it and recycle it later on.



FOUR HOURS

Copper

Copper has special properties that kill viruses and bacteria. This is why the coronavirus can only live on it for a few hours. Disinfectant should still be used to clean these surfaces in your home.



THREE HOURS

Aerosols

SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) can be found in the air up to three hours after someone coughs or sneezes.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

CDC recommendations

The CDC is suggesting that everyone practice physical distancing. People can spread this virus before even looking sick. It is also important to frequently wash your hands for at least 20 seconds (find your favorite song to sing) and cover coughs and sneezes with your elbow.