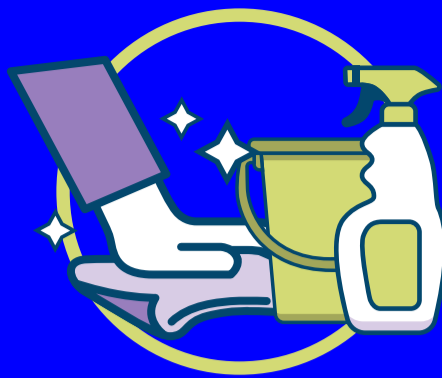




VS.



Cleaning

Disinfecting

“Biocidal products having virucidal activity and authorised under the BPR¹ are efficacious against SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus.”

ECDC statement²

Where there is a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, areas should be cleaned with a neutral detergent, followed by a disinfectant effective against viruses.^{2,3}

Cleaning is different to disinfecting and most cleaners are not disinfectants.



Cleaning

Disinfecting

Process removes germs, dirt, and impurities from surfaces or objects.



Products tested to demonstrate they kill different types of germs on surfaces and objects.



Can be done with a neutral detergent and water.



Should be done using a product with virucidal activity based on BPR¹ regulated ingredients.

European disinfectants must include one or more specific ingredient – such as alcohol, hydrogen peroxide or Quaternary Ammonium Compounds (Quats) as the active ingredient – and be tested to ensure they are effective at disinfecting surfaces.

Surface disinfectants on the European market that have been shown to kill viruses will make the claim “virucidal” or reference the EN14476 test.

Quats can kill dangerous microorganisms even at highly diluted levels and are effective against a broad range of germs.

With the right practices of handwashing and disinfecting of surfaces with efficacious products based on regulated ingredients, you and your family can have an enhanced level of protection at home and in public places like hospitals, schools and restaurants.



For more information and for an indicative list of authorised disinfectant products, please visit the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) web-site.⁴

Use biocides safely. Review and follow all product label and safety instructions.

1. Biocidal Products Regulation (BPR) (EU) No 528/2012

2. https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/Environmental-persistence-of-SARS-CoV-2-virus-Options-for-cleaning2020-03-26_0.pdf

3. <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/documents/COVID-19-public-transport-29-April-2020.pdf>

4. <https://echa.europa.eu/covid-19>