

WHAT IS 2019-NCOV-19?

Coronavirus (CoV) refers to a family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV). SARS-CoV-2, also known as 2019-nCoV (COVID-19) or the Wuhan coronavirus, is a novel or new coronavirus that was first identified in humans in Wuhan, China, in December 2019.

HOW IS 2019-NCOV SPREAD?

The virus that causes 2019-nCoV seems to be spreading easily and sustainably in the community ("community spread") in some affected geographic areas. Community spread means people have been infected with the virus in an area, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected.

Person-to-person spread

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.

Spread from contact with infected surfaces or objects

It may be possible that a person can get 2019-nCoV by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

Can the virus be spread without being sick?

People are thought to be most contagious when they are most symptomatic (the sickest).

Some spread might be possible before people show symptoms; there have been reports of this occurring with this new coronavirus, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

WHAT GUIDANCE DOES THE CDC GIVE ON PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS?

You can help prevent yourself from getting and spreading the Wuhan coronavirus—and other respiratory illnesses—by following these steps:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds. Use 70% alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth, especially with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Close contact includes kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people.

- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or shirt sleeve, not your hands. Dispose of the tissue.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.

Specific information can be found here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>

SYMPTOMS

Current symptoms reported for patients with COVID-19 have included mild to severe respiratory illness. Symptoms may include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Chills
- Repeated Shaking with Chills
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle Pains
- Sore Throat

At this time, it seems that symptoms of COVID-19 may appear in as few as 2 days or if 14 days after exposure. To date, cases have been linked with recent travel to areas where there have been documented outbreaks (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>), or direct contact with those who have recently traveled there. If your community has experience community spread, your risk of contracting the virus is increased.

Some have expressed additional symptoms which have not been confirmed by the CDC to include:

- Nasal Congestion
- Diarrhea

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE SICK?

If you are sick with COVID-19 or suspect you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, follow the steps below to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

- **Stay home except to get medical care for a minimum of 14 days**
- Call ahead before visiting your doctor
- Wear a facemask
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Separate yourself from other people and animals in your home.
- Clean your hands often
- Avoid sharing personal household items.
- Clean all "high-touch" surfaces every day.
- Monitor your symptoms.

WHICH DISINFECTANTS KILL THE COVID-19 VIRUS?

At this time, the use of products that demonstrate effectiveness against viruses similar to the COVID-19 virus on hard, non-porous surfaces are recommended.

The American Chemistry Council's (ACC) Center for Biocide Chemistries (CBC) has compiled a list of products that have been pre-approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for use against emerging enveloped viral pathogens and can be used during the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak. This product list is not exhaustive but can be used by business owners, health professionals, and the public to identify products suitable for use against COVID-19.

This list is here:

- <https://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf>

An updated list can be found here:

- <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-expands-covid-19-disinfectant-list>
- <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

The only two chemicals MJS is currently using are both included on the approved list. The primary product we use is Spartan GS Neutral Disinfectant Cleaner which has the EPA registration #1839-169-5741.

On the EPA list, this will show the Stepan Company listed as product BTC 885 Neutral Disinfectant Cleaner 64, which is listed on page 1 here:

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

These products may be marketed and sold under different brand names, but they have the same EPA registration number, they are the same product.

The other product we use is Diversey Envy Foaming Disinfectant, which is listed here:

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MJS is using products that the EPA has certified to kill the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

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OSHA

Like the CDC, OSHA recommends that workers tasked with cleaning a surface that may be contaminated with COVID-19 use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-approved emerging viral pathogens disinfectants. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products.

We will continue to monitor the best practices for cleaning and disinfecting areas that may be compromised with an infectious disease.

As this is an ever-evolving situation we will continue to monitor and make updates as necessary.

IS YOUR DISINFECTANT EPA APPROVED FOR USE AGAINST THE CORONAVIRUS?

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I WANT TO ADD EXTRA DISINFECTING SERVICE. HOW DO I DO THIS?

MJS would be happy to put together a work order for you to add disinfecting services. MJS is also recommending that your staff is also disinfecting multiple times throughout the day. If MJS is the only one doing the disinfecting, it will not be as effective as surfaces become contaminated when they are touched – many areas will need regular disinfecting many times throughout the day.

MJS is trying to hire temporary employees should your current custodian become unable to accommodate the extra time required. MJS is offering overtime hours to all employees and will start as soon as we possibly can. Unfortunately, due to staffing, we are unable to provide a specific start day today.

CAN I BUY WIPES, SANITIZER OR DISINFECTANT?

MJS is currently out of stock of all sanitizers and disinfectants for resale. Manufacturers are estimating supplies will be ready again sometime in late April to early May. Please note that our standard sanitizer is not alcohol based. Please note that the CDC is not the regulatory agency for antimicrobial hand hygiene products and without specific regulatory or statutory requirements cited, these should be viewed as recommendations:

Antimicrobial hand hygiene products are regulated by The Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The FDA monograph (the FDA's set of rules and regulations) specifies the acceptable active ingredients and their use level. The two most popular on the market today are Ethanol (Alcohol) and Benzalkonium Chloride.

FDA's guidance documents do not establish legally enforceable responsibilities. The FDA's states these should be viewed only as recommendations, unless specific regulatory or statutory requirements are cited.

<https://www.fda.gov/media/136118/download>

Hand hygiene is an important part of the U.S. response to COVID-19. Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds is essential, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after coughing, sneezing or blowing one's nose.

IF OUR OFFICE ENCOUNTERS A CASE OF COVID-19 WHAT WILL YOU DO?

MJS expects our facilities to notify MJS customer service immediately if there is a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19.

MJS will notify our staff immediately. If the MJS employee does not want to return to the facility, MJS cannot require them to do so. MJS will do our best to get staff in the facility as soon as possible.

MJS will require a deep disinfecting work order over and above what we are currently providing for all facilities with a confirmed case. There may be circumstances where a delay in services is required and your facility will be notified if this is the case.

MJS will follow the recommendations outlined here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>

MY CURRENT CUSTODIAL STAFF WON'T CLEAN, CAN YOU PROVIDE TEMPORARY SERVICES?

Current MJS clients have to come first. MJS can attempt to provide your facility with temporary staffing, but as the environment is changing on a daily basis, we are unable to guarantee any assistance.

WILL MJS BE ABLE TO PROVIDE TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR MJS EMPLOYEES IN YOUR FACILITY?

MJS may not be able to get this information for every facility. However, it is up to each facility to determine if they wish to request a self-attestation completed prior to entrance. If your facility chooses to impose a self-attestation, please notify MJS HR by calling 800-249-6161 or humanresources@mjsia.com and we will provide that information to our staff.