# Guide for Disinfecting Hard Surfaces to Help Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

**Step 1. Clean**
- Clean the surfaces of any dirt, debris, and visible soiling.
- Use water and soap or any household cleaning product.

**Step 2. Disinfect**
- If available, use a store-bought disinfectant (see examples below).
- Disinfect the surfaces, following the instructions on the product label.
- If possible, wear gloves and open a window for fresh air.
- If you are using household bleach, allow the bleach to air dry (unless otherwise specified on the product label).

## List of Disinfecting Agents Known to Be Effective Against Coronaviruses

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<th>Household Bleach (5.25% sodium hypochlorite)</th>
<th>Hydrogen peroxide (0.5%)</th>
<th>Quaternary Ammonium Compounds (QUATs)</th>
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Check if your disinfectant product is on the complete list of hard-surface disinfectants approved for use against COVID-19 by Health Canada (link here: [https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/disinfectants/covid-19/list.html#tbl1](https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/drugs-health-products/disinfectants/covid-19/list.html#tbl1)).


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