

If you are cleaning after a known or suspected case of COVID-19 then you should refer to the specific guidance below.

What you need to know

- Cleaning an area with normal household disinfectant after someone with suspected COVID-19 has left will reduce the risk of passing the infection to other people
- Wear disposable or washing-up gloves and aprons for cleaning. After cleaning is finished, these should be double-bagged and left for the cleaner. They will be stored securely for 72 hours then thrown away in the regular rubbish
- Using a disposable cloth, first clean hard surfaces with warm soapy water. Then disinfect these surfaces with the cleaning products you normally use. Pay particular attention to frequently touched areas and surfaces, such as bathrooms, grab-rails in corridors and stairwells and door handles
- If an area has been heavily contaminated, such as with visible bodily fluids from a person with suspected COVID-19, use protection for the eyes, mouth and nose, as well as wearing gloves and an apron
- Wash hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds, and after removing gloves, aprons and other protection used while cleaning
- On arrival home launder clothes on a wash programme over 60 degrees