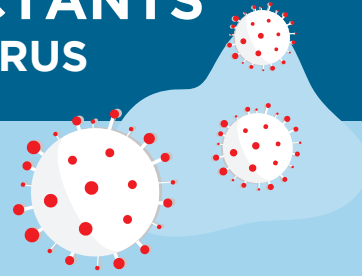# PROPER USE OF DISINFECTANTS
IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS

To properly clean and safely disinfect for the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), facility managers and staff must understand how to properly identify and use the right products.

Is your disinfectant effective against coronavirus?

Seal of Approval

Use disinfecting/antimicrobial products that have been registered with your country's authorities for use against human coronavirus.

Around the Globe

Many countries have their own registry for disinfectants/antimicrobial products. Check with your country first. If you do not have a registry, refer to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA).

Check the Source

If you aren't sure your disinfectant can combat coronavirus, refer to the manufacturer's website, your country's disinfectant registry, the **US EPA List N** or the **ECHA Biocidal supplier list**.

To properly clean and disinfect, follow these simple tips:

Spray and Stay

10 seconds – 10 minutes: Disinfectant dwell times range anywhere from 10 seconds to 10 minutes. Read the instructions on the back of the bottle to achieve virus kill claims.

"C" comes before "D"

Clean first - Before disinfecting, use an all-purpose cleaner to effectively remove dust, debris, and other contaminants on a surface.

Disinfect second – Apply a registered disinfectant to the surface and keep the surface wet for the required dwell time.

One and Done

1 – The number of surfaces you should clean with a single side of a towel or disinfecting wipe. Once finished, use a clean side of the towel or a new towel or disposable wipe.

Scrub, Rinse, Repeat

20 seconds – The amount of time you should spend washing your hands before tasks, between them and after you finish.

60% - Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol when soap and water is unavailable.

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