HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FACILITY FROM COVID-19: A Guide for Facility Managers

Below are some effective cleaning and prevention methods that will help protect your building’s inhabitants against coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

### Cleaning Methods

**Electrostatic sprayers combined with ULV cold fogging machines are ideal:**
- Fine mist provides full, even coverage of disinfectant
- Will not over-wet or damage electronics and surfaces
- Provides the best kill rate when used with approved disinfectant
- Requires a disinfectant dwell time of 5 – 10 minutes, or per label
- Is best done by a professional commercial cleaning company

**Trigger sprayer with disinfectant:**
- Works best with 5 – 10 minute dwell time, per disinfectant label
- Use a disinfectant on the EPA or CDC approved list of chemicals
- Avoid electrical equipment, as trigger sprayers can over-wet
- We recommend Oxivir TB because it has a 1-minute kill claim

**Disinfecting wipes:**
- Generally do not provide enough wet time per label instructions
- If you use wipes, choose Oxivir TB wipes with a 1-minute kill claim

### Prevention Methods

**Touchless soap/towel/sanitizer dispensers:**
- Reduces number of Coronavirus touchpoints
- Add paper towel dispensers near doors, elevators, etc.
- Stand-mounted touchless hand sanitizers are preferred — wall-mounted can damage or discolor paint, and spills can damage floor finishes

**Disinfectants:**
- Switch to an EPA or CDC approved disinfectant for daily cleaning

**Overall prevention:**
- Review your scope of work with your janitorial provider
- Shift from sanitation-focused cleaning to one focused on disinfection
- Many employers require employees to disinfect their workstations at the beginning of each shift

**HEPA filters in HVAC system and UV filtration systems:**
- Not verified by the CDC, but many experts believe this helps

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