

# CLEANING & DECONTAMINATION

## WHAT TO KNOW AND WHAT TO DO!



## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

### WHAT TO KNOW

Coronavirus is a respiratory disease caused by the envelope of virus SARS-CoV-2. The disease associated with the virus is called COVID-19. Covid-19 has now spread worldwide and there are confirmed cases and deaths relating to COVID-19. It is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person through close contact (within 6 feet or 2 meters) or through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It is possible that a person can become infected with SARS-CoV-2 by touching a surface or object that has a 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. It is thought the virus can remain viable for hours to days on surfaces made from a variety of materials.

#### Areas of concern include:

The CDC and Health Canada encourages frequent cleaning of high touch point surfaces such as counters, tabletops, doorknobs, light switches, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, and tables at a minimum. These same surfaces are mentioned in the CDC's guidance for commercial spaces as well, including:

- Kitchen / Food Areas
- Bathrooms
- Schools / Classrooms
- Offices
- Retail Spaces
- Sales Counters/Registers
- Carpet and Flooring
- Handrails
- Elevators
- Fitness and Gym equipment
- Handles
- Gas Pumps
- Personal Electronics
  - ATM Machines
  - Store shelves

### COVID-19 CONTAMINATION - WHAT TO DO

Contact a company that is trained to administer the appropriate disinfectant required to perform the cleaning and decontamination.

First General can help! Our long history of experience working in hazardous remediation services, combined with our specialized training in commercial disinfectant application equips us to provide cleaning services under appropriate safety methods and controls, with appropriate Canada EPA approved products.

Our goal is to aid in contributing to the health and safety of your environment, and do all we can to reduce the risk to the general public.

Cleaning services performed under the following protocols and procedures include:

- Use of appropriate PPE including respirators with P100 cartridge,
- Tyvek suit, gloves and booties
- Services provided are by Infectious Control Certified and IICRC trained technicians with industry leading infection control cleaning
- Focus on high touch areas for maximum effectiveness
- Disinfectant applied with specialized equipment, appropriate dwell time and cleaning procedures equivalent to health care facility cleaning standards

It is important to note, this cleaning requires the User to have been trained to understand the transmission from person to person and workstation to workstation and to understand how to provide a thorough complete clean, including use of specialty chemicals saturation levels and duration. All First General staff are highly trained in the use of PPE, and proper use of PPE is critical on all job sites of this nature.