

High Touch Point Cleaning Procedures for COVID-19

**The latest from Durham Region Public Health:**

COVID-19 is a new virus that is spread by the respiratory droplets of an infected person to another who have close contact. The current information that has been provided indicates that this virus is spread through droplet transmission involving:

* Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands.
* Contact with nose and throat secretions (e.g., coughing and sneezing).
* Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands.

Typically, droplets do not remain suspended in the air and will usually travel less than 2 metres.

Information provided by Public Health states that commonly used disinfectants and cleaners will kill the virus. This includes our general disinfectant ES65.

**Enhanced Disinfection of High Touch Points:**

Guidance from Ontario Public Health recommends the disinfection of high touch points twice per day and when visibly dirty (<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ncov/factsheet-covid-19-environmental-cleaning.pdf?la=en> ). This practice will be in effect until further notice.

*High Touch Points in Washrooms (including class washrooms, health rooms, change rooms, staff & barrier free):*

Door knobs/handles, light switches, push plates, accessibility bars, faucet handles and buttons, flush handles, stall latches, hand dryer buttons, product dispensers, paper towel dispensers, and accessibility buttons.

*High Touch Points in Rooms (including classrooms, portables, library, staff rooms, gym, cafeteria):*

Door knobs/handles, light switches, push plates, faucet handles, drinking fountains, phones (wipe only), and pencil sharpeners.

*High Touch Points in Common Areas (including hallways, entrances, stairwells, main office):*

Door knobs/handles, light switches, push plates, hand rails, drinking fountains and water bottle filling stations, locks on lockers, and accessibility buttons.

\*Counters, tables and desk tops and touch points on chairs are to be disinfected daily. \*

**Directions:**

Follow the proper dilutions requirements for ES65-CS as a disinfectant

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| **Use** | **Ratio** | 317 mL of ES65 (per Litre of Water) |
| Disinfectant | 1:12 |

Using your micro fiber cloths and disinfecting solution in a pail (not a spray bottle), liberally wash down all touchable surfaces, paying close attention to the high touch point areas. Allow for a 5-minute dwell time. Change the solution in the pail every 30 minutes of active cleaning so that the cloth remains disinfected. Floors should be dust mopped and then wet mopped as required.

Soak used cloths in a disinfectant solution for 5 minutes, rinse, and hang to air dry.

ALWAYS wash your hands in between tasks and before you take your breaks.

**Safety/PPE:**

When using cleaning products, always wear disposable gloves. Wear protective goggles if there is a chance of splashes.

When removing gloves, use proper glove removal techniques (<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/ect-gloves-doffing.pdf?la=en>)

**IMPORTANT \*Gloves are NOT a substitute for proper hand hygiene. Always wash hands after removing gloves\***

The safety data sheet for the ES65 can be found here:

<https://sds.ddsb.ca/viewSds/5c25fbf5d756dc01007e470b>

Take time to review the Surface Care Ergo School poster and the module on the Professional Learning Hub:

<https://professionallearning.ddsb.ca/d2l/le/lessons/6830/units/2354>

<https://spark.ddsb.ca/en/administrative-and-school-services/resources/Documents/HealthandSafety/Ergonomics/ErgoSchool_Surface-Care-Poster_LR.pdf>

***Please reach out to your custodial supervisor if you have any questions.***