

FACT SHEET

COVID-19: Cleaning Computer, Printers and Other Electronics for all Users



COVID-19: CLEANING COMPUTERS AND ELECTRONICS FOR ALL USERS

The following information provides guidance on how to clean computers, computer accessories, touchscreen devices and electronics that are considered high-touch items. All computers, computer accessories, touchscreen devices and electronics in shared locations should be frequently cleaned and disinfected at least once a day. When cleaning computers, computer accessories, touchscreen devices and electronics it is important to follow the manufacturer recommendations for specific cleaning requirements. The guidance below was adapted from the [CDC: Cleaning & Disinfecting Schools](#), Apple [“How to Clean your Apple Products”](#), and Microsoft <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/4023504/surface-clean-and-care-for-your-surface>.

General cleaning tips

- ✓ Use a lint-free cloth, such as a screen wipe or a cloth made from microfiber.
- ✓ Avoid excessive wiping and submerging item in cleanser to avoid damage.
- ✓ Unplug all external power sources and cables.
- ✓ Do not use aerosol sprays, bleach or abrasive cleaners.
- ✓ Ensure moisture does not get into any openings.
- ✓ Never spray cleaner directly on an item.

Approved COVID-19 disinfectants safe for computers, accessories and electronics

- ✓ Using a Clorox disinfectant wipe(s) or a wipe containing at least 70% alcohol, gently and carefully wipe the hard, nonporous surface of the item. This includes the display, keyboard, mouse and the exterior surface of the item. If you have concerns about the cleaning product being used, please refer to the manufacturer’s recommendations and warning label.
- ✓ When using a disinfectant wipe, it is important to follow the contact time found on the label. It may be necessary to use more than one wipe to keep surface wet for the recommended contact time.
- ✓ Wipe the entire surface of the mobile devices or office desk phones by using a bleach-free disinfectant wipe or a soft cloth dabbed in isopropyl alcohol. Use a separate cloth or disinfectant wipe to clean the entire surface of the headset, including the speaker and microphone.
- ✓ Do not use fabric or leather surfaces on items, as this can scratch or cause damage to the items.
- ✓ Do not use bleach to disinfect computers and electronics.

Resources

- ✓ [CDC: Cleaning & Disinfecting Schools](#)
- ✓ [Apple: How to Clean your Apple Products](#)
- ✓ [Microsoft: Clean and Care for your Surface](#)
- ✓ [Yale Environmental Health and Safety](#)

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