Hierarchy of Pathogen Resistance to Disinfectants

The table below lists many common pathogens (or germs) by how naturally resistant they are to disinfectants. Enveloped viruses are at the top of the list because they are generally the easiest to kill.* Bacterial spores and prions are at the bottom because they are generally very difficult to kill. Pathogens across the spectrum may survive on surfaces for a very long time, even years in some cases. It is critical to use the proper disinfectants that can kill these pathogens, and to use them correctly while meeting the contact times on the labels.

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Ession	Pathogen Class	Pathogen ⁺	Associated Diseases	Surface Survival ^{‡ 1, 2}
	Enveloped Viruses	SARS-CoV-2	COVID-19	Up to 8 days
		Human Immunodeficiency Virus	AIDS	More than 7 days
		Hepatitis B Virus	Hepatitis	More than 7 days
		Hepatitis C Virus	Hepatitis	Up to 5 days
		Influenza A Virus	Flu	Up to 2 weeks
		Influenza B Virus	Flu	Up to 24 hours
		Respiratory Syncytial Virus	RSV	Up to 7 hours
		Ebola Virus	Hemorrhagic fever (Ebola)	Up to 4 days
	Bacteria	Methicillin-Resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA)	Skin, lung and bloodstream infections	Up to 3 years
		Escherichia coli	Diarrhea, urinary tract and lung infections (pneumonia)	Up to 10 months
		Pseudomonas aeruginosa	Blood and lung infections (pneumonia)	Up to 8 weeks
		Streptococcus pyogenes	Strep throat and impetigo	Up to 4 months
		Acinetobacter baumanii	Blood, urinary tract, wound and lung infections (pneumonia)	Up to 5 months
		Bordetella pertussis	Whooping cough	Up to 5 days
	Fungi	Candida auris	Bloodstream and wound infections	Up to 4 months
		Candida albicans	Yeast infections	Up to 4 months
		Trichophyton interdigitale	Athlete's foot	Up to 20 months
	Large, Non-Enveloped Viruses	Adenovirus	Cold and flu-like illnesses	Up to 3 months
		Rotavirus	Severe diarrhea	Up to 60 days
	Small, Non-Enveloped Viruses	Coxsackievirus	Hand, foot and mouth disease	More than 2 weeks
		Norovirus	Stomach flu	Days to weeks
		Poliovirus	Polio	Up to 8 weeks
		Rhinovirus	Common cold	Up to 25 hours
	Bacterial Spores	Clostridium difficile	Large intestine infection	Up to 5 months
Harder to Kill	Prions	Prion protein	Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD)	May maintain infectivity for years

*Within pathogen classes, some species may be harder to kill than others. For example, pathogens that are known to create biofilms, such as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Candida auris*, can be much more difficult to disinfect than other pathogens in the same class. †Always check the product master label for approved kill claims and follow directions for use regarding contact times and any required precleaning steps. Not all disinfectants will have claims against all of these pathogens. ‡Surface survival is dependent on a number of factors, including temperature and relative humidity.

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CloroxPro® Product Solutions

CloroxPro® Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes

- Clean and disinfect with one quick wipe
- Kills 22 viruses, including cold and flu viruses, in just 15 seconds¹
- Thick textured wipes are ideal for spills and dirt



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^{CloroxPro®} Clorox EcoClean[™] Disinfecting Cleaner

- U.S. EPA Design for the Environment certified
- Disinfecting cleaner made with a plant-based active ingredient
- Kills 99.9% of germs in 2 minutes¹
- Kills 99.9% of *E. coli*², MRSA³, Influenza A Virus and Norovirus⁴
- Sanitizes non-foodcontact surfaces in 15 seconds⁵



 Tested for compatibility across more than 20 common surfaces

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Clorox Healthcare® VersaSure® Cleaner Disinfectant Wipes

- 1-step cleaner disinfectant kills bacteria and fungi, including MRSA and TB, in 2 minutes¹
- Kills viruses, including mumps and measles viruses, in 30 seconds¹
- Alcohol-free quat formula offers low odor and low residue



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^{CloroxPro®} Clorox® Anywhere® Daily Disinfectant & Sanitizer

- Kills illness-causing cold⁺ and flu viruses¹
- Sanitizes food-contact surfaces in 1 minute¹



EPA Reg. No. 67619-42 12/32 oz. Spray, Case UPC: 01698 4/128 oz. Ready to use, Case UPC: 31651

CloroxPro® Clorox® Total 360® Disinfectant Cleaner1

- ▶ Kills 99.9% of bacteria in 5 seconds[‡]
- Kills 54 pathogens, including cold and flu viruses, MRSA and Norovirus, in 2 minutes or less¹
- Eliminates odors
- Sanitizes soft surfaces
- Inhibits the growth of mold and mildew for up to 7 days
- For use with electrostatic devices



EPA Reg. No. 67619-38 4/128 oz. Gallon, Case UPC: 31650

Clorox[®] Germicidal Bleach

- EPA-registered to kill more organisms than private label bleach⁸
- Suitable for food-contact surfaces
- Kills C. difficile spores¹
- Ergonomically enhanced packaging is easier to pour, handle, carry and store



EPA Reg. No. 67619-32 3/121 oz., Case UPC: 30966

⁺Kills Rhinovirus and Human Coronavirus. ⁺On hard, nonporous surfaces. Sanitization claims valid for all vegetative, non-spore-forming bacteria. ^{*}This product has demonstrated effectiveness against viruses similar to SARS-CoV-2 (the coronavirus that causes COVID-19) when used in accordance with the directions for use on hard, nonporous surfaces. When used as directed on hard, nonporous surfaces. See product label for list of organisms. I. Kills SARS-CoV-2 on hard, nonporous surfaces. *Escherichia coli* O157:H7. 3. Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus. 4. Tested as Feline Calicivirus. 5. On hard, nonporous surfaces. 6. 100% cotton or 100% polyester. 7. Dust mite matter, cockroach matter, pet dander. 8. Austin's A-1 Ultra Disinfecting Bleach, as of 9/17/18.

CloroxPro® Clorox® Disinfecting Bio Stain & Odor Remover

- EPA-registered to kill 19 pathogens found in bio soils, including some in as little as 30 seconds¹
- Kills 99.9% of bacteria on soft surfaces¹



EPA Reg. No. 67619-33 9/32 oz. Spray, Item #: 31903 4/128 oz. Refill, Item #: 31910 6/32 oz. Pull-Top, Item #: 31911

CloroxPro® Clorox® 4 in ONE Disinfectant Sanitizer

- Kills 24 microogranisms¹
- Sanitizes soft surfaces⁶ in just 30 seconds
- Sanitizes the air and kills airborne odor-causing bacteria
- Reduces allergens⁷ that can trigger allergies
- Deodorizes and leaves fresh citrus and lavender scents
- Fast and efficient with no precleaning required



EPA Reg. No. 67619-29

Citrus, 12/14 oz. Aerosol Spray, Case UPC: 31043

Clorox Healthcare® Hydrogen Peroxide Cleaner Disinfectant Wipes

- Kills 50 microorganisms in 1 minute or less, including SARS-CoV-2 in 30 seconds¹
- Kills C. auris in 5 minutes¹
- 1-step product for efficient cleaning and disinfecting with less residue
- No added fragrances or harsh odors



EPA Reg. No. 67619-25 6/95 ct., 6.75" x 9" Multi-Purpose, Case UPC: 30824 6/155 ct., 6.75" x 5.75" Clinical, Case UPC: 30825 2/185 ct. bucket, 12" x 11" Terminal, Case UPC: 30826 2/185 ct. refill pouch, 12" x 11" Terminal, Case UPC: 30827 6/50 ct. individual, 6.75" x 9", Case UPC: 31426