


FACT SHEET

Dated 11/13/20: COVID-19 is an emerging pathogen and the situation is constantly evolving. This guidance references CDC and WHO guidelines and is supplemented with Ecolab expertise. For the most up-to-date information, please refer to [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), [World Health Organization](#) or your local health authority.

WHAT IS COVID-19

COVID-19 is a new strain from a large family of viruses that cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases. Scientists have isolated the virus causing COVID-19 and found it to be at least 70% similar in genetic sequence to MERS and SARS.^[1, 2]



COVID-19 can take up to **14-days** between **infection** and **detection**^[3] when symptoms are present

Incubation 1-14 days	Detection 4-5 days
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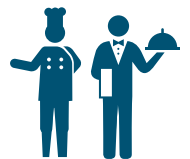
Source: <https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-coronaviruses>

SYMPTOMS

Source: Center for Disease Control^[4], WHO

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Muscle or body aches
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea or vomiting
- Congestion or runny nose
- Diarrhea

HOW COVID-19 ENTERS



EMPLOYEES



CUSTOMERS

HOW COVID-19 SPREADS



COVID-19 IS SPREAD BY DROPLETS

MADE WHEN INFECTED PEOPLE COUGH, SNEEZE OR TALK



TOUCHING

CONTAMINATED PEOPLE, OBJECTS OR SURFACES

➔ **Learn More:** contact your Ecolab representative

References;

[1] <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

[2] [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019%E2%80%9320_outbreak_of_novel_coronavirus_\(COVID-19\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2019%E2%80%9320_outbreak_of_novel_coronavirus_(COVID-19))

[3] <https://www.imperial.ac.uk/mrc-global-infectious-disease-analysis/news--wuhan-coronavirus/>

[4] <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-care.html#:~:text=The%20signs%20and%20symptoms%20of,Congestion%20or%20runny%20nose.>

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PREVENTION

▶ TAKE ACTION

Know your COVID-19 facts.

Get access to educational & procedural information. Refer to your local health authorities and the WHO.



People with COVID-19 should quarantine for 14 days, following the advice of their medical provider

Sick?

Contact your medical provider

Encourage employees to:

- Stay at home or call the doctor if they are sick
- Clean and disinfect impacted areas



Frequent handwashing

Thoroughly wash hands and exposed portions of arms with Ecolab hand soap and warm water

for at least  **seconds.** Use designated handwashing sink.



Sanitize Hands

Use alcohol-based Ecolab hand sanitizer without rinse.



Cover your mouth & nose

Cough or sneeze into a tissue or flexed elbow. Throw away tissue and wash hands.

Avoid close contact



with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness.

▶ CLEAN THOROUGHLY & ROUTINELY

CLEAN & DISINFECT

frequently touched objects and surfaces with a properly registered disinfectant.

- Light and air control switches
- TV and remote controls
- Door handles and push plates
- Faucets and toilet flush levers
- Telephones and computers
- Other surfaces as needed



All surfaces that may have contacted respiratory secretions, urine or feces according to standard infection control procedures.


CLEAN & SANITIZE

Follow warewashing standards for plates, glass, silverware and other ware.



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RESPONSE

- 1. Report** any suspected incidents to management 
- 2. Follow** Ecolab guidelines for infection prevention 
- 3. Send** sick employees home and direct them to seek medical advice 
- 4. Stock** disinfectant products as preventative approach 
- 5. Clean & sanitize** all food contact areas; follow cleaning and disinfection standards for contaminated surfaces - reference procedure on product label 
- 6. Disinfect** high-touch surfaces with Ecolab preventative solutions - reference procedure on product label 
- 7. Follow up with doctor** check the status of your employee if they require special care 

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