

Cleaning Guidelines for Hirers During COVID-19

Why we must clean differently!

What is COVID-19

COVID-19 is the virus caused by SARS CoV-2. We are not able to kill COVID-19 infection in the body, but we can destroy the virus which causes it and reduce the rates of transmission.

SARS-CoV-2 is not a living virus but it comes alive and becomes an infection when it comes into contact with living cells, hence the constant guidance to regularly and thoroughly ***wash our hands and avoid touching our face.***

The virus remains on surfaces for many days, possibly weeks, especially on non – porous surfaces. The aim is that by good cleaning practices we reduce the viral load which will reduce the risk and the severity of any infection. It is impossible to eliminate the risk, but good cleaning and hygiene will reduce the risk significantly.

Why must we change out cleaning practices?

It is common practice to clean with buckets and cloths. However, wiping multiple surfaces with the same cloth then wringing that cloth out in a bucket spreads the virus.

How should we be cleaning currently?

In addition to our usual requirements when you hire our Village Hall, we are requesting that organisers ensure that frequently touched surfaces are cleaned on arrival **before** your event starts. In this way you can be sure that the Hall is as safe as possible for your activity.

Clean-Dry-Disinfect

1. Using the disinfectant provided please disinfect the following items using the method described below.

- Tabletops and sides and metal parts of chairs
- All door handles and push-bars on the main Hall double-doors
- Light switches - do NOT spray directly but via a paper-towel
- Taps, toilet seats and toilet flushes

2. Method

1. Spray the surface with **Envirosafe** using the yellow topped sprayer
2. Allow 15 seconds contact time.
3. Clean and wipe dry with paper roll
4. Spray surface lightly with the white fine misting sprayer and **leave to dry**

General Cleaning

Please carry out any other general cleaning resulting from your activity at the end of the hire as usual. If you have time to give high-contact surfaces an extra wipe that will be very much appreciated.

Summary of don'ts!

- Currently we are not recommending using cloths and buckets for cleaning but instead spray bottles and paper roll/towels. If micro-fibre clothes are only the option fold the cloth into quarters (giving you eight sides to use) and use one side per surface.
- The common method of cleaning a whole room or more with the same cloth rung out in the same bucket is an excellent way to spread contamination!

Thank you very much for hiring our Hall and for helping us make it a safe environment for all to use.

The few extra minutes we spend cleaning can make a huge difference in protecting us all from COVID-19

**The Shackleford Centre
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