

# Combating Viruses:

## Product Labels & Dwell Time



**Cleaning:** We all know cleaning involves more than water. It involves cleaning products designed to kill bacteria and viruses. Many disinfectants kill 99% of “germs” and are great products when used correctly. Unfortunately, to use correctly, many of these products have a dwell time of 10 minutes or longer.

What is dwell time? Dwell time (or contact time), refers to the amount of time that a disinfecting product needs to sit (or dwell) on a surface in order to kill organisms. Just spraying and wiping does not give the chemical the time it needs to kill 99% of bacteria. To get 100% of stated results, products need to be used as directed.

It is important to know the difference between cleaning and disinfecting. It is very important to familiarize yourself with the key elements of any product you are using. *“It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.”* Know your products. Cleaning, when done properly, is one of the best ways to protect your business and home from the spread of bacteria and viruses. Knowing what to do and when to call trained professionals is also key.

### Understanding product labels. There are 6 key parts of product labels.

1. Safety - for yourself and others
2. Protection - of the surface(s) you are cleaning and your working environment
3. Using the correct amount of chemical to get the job done - no more, no less
4. Proper application of the chemical you are using
5. In the case of disinfectants and sanitizers, understanding which germs the product kills, and what dwell times are needed for effectiveness
6. Understanding First Aid procedures in case of accident

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### Restore

- Water/Flood
- Mold
- Fire & Smoke
- Trauma & Biohazard

### Build

- Complete rebuilds
- Handyman services
- Remodeling/Additions
- Drywall & Painting
- Design Build

### Clean

- Construction Clean-up
- Commercial Maintenance
- Sales and Model Cleaning
- Pressure & Window Washing
- Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning

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