

SARS-CoV-2 Viability on Surfaces

A review in the *New England Journal of Medicine* on the viability of SARS-CoV-2 on inanimate surfaces found that – depending on the type of surface – the virus can survive from hours to several days depending on the nature of the surface.



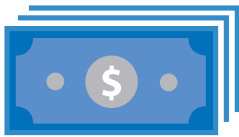
Printing & tissue paper
Three hours



Wood
Two days



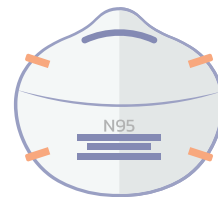
Cloth
Two days



Paper money
Four days



Cardboard
24 hours



Surgical masks*

A small amount of viable virus was still present on the outside of the mask after seven days

**More studies of masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE) need to be done to learn more about the ability of the virus to survive on PPE.*



Stainless steel
Two to seven days



Plastic
Three to seven days



Copper
Four hours



Glass
Four days

Review the full [White Paper on SARS-CoV-2 viability on Surfaces and Disinfection](#) for more information.

