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



Stainless steel Two to seven days

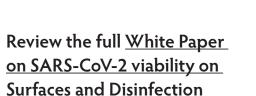


Three to seven days

*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.



CopperFour hours



for more information.



Leather and synthetic leather

Eight days



Glass Four days

