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.