

# 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



**Leather and synthetic leather**  
Eight days



**Glass**  
Four days

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

