

COVID-19:



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR Healthcare Facilities, Schools, & Retail Stores

While the federal COVID-19 public health emergency has come to an end, continuing sustainable infection-prevention measures continues to be an important part of preventing the spread of SARS-CoV-2.

Cleaning Your Facility During COVID-19

Buckeye provides the products and programs you need in place for overall well-being and safety. From hand hygiene programs, enhanced cleaning and disinfecting programs, and antimicrobial product floor protection to training and support materials, we are committed to helping you meet the highest cleanliness and preparedness standards.

What are coronaviruses?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that are common in many different species of animals. They rarely infect or spread between people, however this strain of the virus may be spreading at a much steadier rate, similar to the way the flu spreads.

New Variants

Viruses are constantly mutating, creating new variants over time. New variants of the virus that cause COVID-19 have been documented in the United States and across the world. In some cases, variants can spread quickly, leading to more cases of COVID-19. However, current studies suggest authorized vaccines are able to generate antibodies that recognize these variants.

As of November 26, 2021, Omicron has been designated a variant of concern. New lineages of Omicron continue to spread in the United States and globally. The CDC recommends getting fully vaccinated and following other recommended prevention strategies for COVID-19.

How are coronaviruses spread?

COVID-19 can be spread through the air, close personal contact, or by touching surfaces that carry the virus.² Symptoms of COVID-19 can appear up to 14 days after exposure and can include fever, cough, and difficulty breathing.

Reported cases of COVID-19 range from mild to severe. Most deaths related to the virus have been linked to older adults with existing health conditions.

A recent study has shown that SARS-CoV-2 can live up to four hours on copper, 24 hours on cardboard, and up to three days on plastic and stainless steel.³ Studies are ongoing and some research suggests SARS-CoV-2 can live on surfaces for up to 3 days.⁴ The best way to prevent infection is to get vaccinated and avoid exposure.

List N

EPA expects products on List N to kill all strains and variants of the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) when used according to the label directions. Buckeye has several products on List N.

[Buckeye Terminator](#) and [Buckeye Eco One-Step Disinfectant-Deodorizer-Cleaner E22](#) may be used with a one-minute contact time. Terminator requires a 2 oz./gal. dilution rate. Eco One-Step Disinfectant-Deodorizer-Cleaner E22 requires a 1/2 oz./gal. dilution rate.

[Buckeye Sanicare Disinfecting Wipes](#) may be used against SARS-CoV-2 with a four-minute contact time.

[Buckeye Sanicare TBX](#) may be used against SARS-CoV-2 with a one-minute contact time.

[Buckeye Eco Neutral Disinfectant E23/S23](#) and [Buckeye Sanicare Quat-256](#) may be used against SARS-CoV-2 with a one-minute contact time. These products require a 1/2 oz./gal. dilution rate.

[Buckeye Sanicare Quat-128](#) may be used against SARS-CoV-2 with a one-minute contact time. This claim requires a 1 oz./gal. dilution rate.



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[Buckeye Sanicare Lemon, Mint, and Pine Quat](#) may be used against SARS-CoV-2 with a one-minute contact time. This claim requires a 2 oz./gal. dilution rate.

Every effort is being made to meet the increased demand for disinfectants and hand hygiene related products. Buckeye offers [Symmetry® hand hygiene products](#), [Buckeye disinfectants](#), and [Clarion® 25 Microban Antimicrobial Floor Finish](#) to help fight the spread of germs and bacteria.

Vaccination

There are now several vaccines that have been authorized for use against COVID-19. The U.S. vaccine safety system ensures each vaccine is as safe as possible. The CDC has developed a new tool v-safe to monitor and detect issues with COVID-19 vaccines.

Everyone 6 months and older is now eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine.

Everyone over the age of 6 is eligible for an updated vaccine. If you are over 65 years old or immunocompromised, you are eligible for additional doses. Children from 6 months to 5 years old may need additional doses depending on the number of doses they've previously received.

Social Distancing

Health experts across the world are recommending social distancing to slow the spread of the virus. Social distancing involves intentionally increasing the physical space between people to decrease a person's chances of spreading illness. Experts recommend staying at least six feet away from others to help lessen your chances of catching COVID-19.⁵

Masks are Recommended

The CDC recommends using the COVID-19 Community Level as a gauge when deciding whether or not to wear a mask. Find out more about the level of risk in your community with this helpful CDC tool: [COVID-19 by County](#). Studies show masks reduce the spray of respiratory droplets when they are worn over the nose and mouth. Masks are recommended if you are unvaccinated and unable to stay 6 feet away from others, especially if you are in an indoor setting.

Buckeye takes SARS-CoV-2 and resulting COVID-19 seriously and continues to take a proactive approach in our effort to prevent illness. Buckeye programs strive to educate the public on the importance of best cleaning, disinfecting, and hand hygiene practices.

We will continue to support our partners and customers, to the best of our ability, as the situation develops. Find the latest news about COVID-19 at:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019> or <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

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¹ <https://www.who.int/dg/speeches/detail/who-director-general-s-opening-remarks-at-the-media-briefing-on-covid-19---11-march-2020>

² <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/transmission.html>

³ <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/03/200320192755.html>

⁴ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/science-and-research/surface-transmission.html#ref10>

⁵ <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/coronavirus/coronavirus-social-distancing-and-self-quarantine>

⁶ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>

⁷ <https://www.americanchemistry.com/Novel-Coronavirus-Fighting-Products-List.pdf>

CDC recommendations for helping to reduce the spread of germs:



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the restroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.



If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Stay home when you are sick.



Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.⁶

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