

# Reminders for Using Disinfectants at Schools and Child Cares

Given the concern over the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, many schools and child cares in California are making it a priority to disinfect frequently-touched surfaces.

**Disinfectants are pesticides and must be used according to the label.**



## Reminders for using disinfectants properly at schools and child cares:

- Use EPA-registered disinfectants **and follow all label directions**
- Keep the surface wet for the required **contact time**. The contact time, specific to each product, is the amount of time that a surface must remain wet in order to work. If using disinfectant wipes, multiple wipes may be required.
- Keep all disinfectants **out of the reach of students**. Never allow students to use disinfectants or touch the applied product.

## General information about the 2019 Novel Coronavirus:

- *California Department of Public Health Novel Coronavirus 2019 website*  
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx>
- *California Department of Education 2019 Novel Coronavirus Guidance for Schools and School Districts*  
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/el/le/yr20ltr0214.asp>
- *Center for Disease Control and Prevention*  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

**DON'T FORGET**

Under the Healthy Schools Act, DPR provides **online training** on how to use disinfectants.  
<https://apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm/training/>



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