



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Facilities Management Division

As part of UGA Campus re-opening there will a lot of questions concerning how the Facilities Management Division's cleaning team will assist in cleaning for your health throughout the campus. This document serves to provide answers to some of the commonly asked questions that we have received. Please contact our team at workrequest.fmd.uga.edu for other questions not listed here.

1 What sanitizing products are effective?

A list of products for use against the Novel Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, the cause of COVID-19, is available on the US Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) website. The products used by UGA Facilities Management Division meet and/or exceed all industry recognized cleaning protocols. For regular cleaning of computer keyboards and mice, our team will use products that meet USEPA standards.

2 Does UGA's Green Cleaning Program address COVID 19?

Yes. The UGA Green Cleaning Program does address COVID-19 via the use of our industry recognized and CDC approved disinfection products and procedures. More information about our cleaning procedures can be found at <https://www.healthygreeschools.org/wp-content/uploads/UGA-Steps-for-Outbreak-for-FMD-Services-Department.pdf>

3 What are some specific surfaces that will be cleaned in UGA classrooms and labs?

Some of the specific surfaces cleaned in UGA classrooms and labs include: desktop/laptop surfaces; metal touch points such as door knobs and light switches; railings; seatbacks; waste receptacles; and whiteboards

4 What are some specific surfaces that will be cleaned in UGA common areas?

High-touch surfaces include locations with high traffic and surfaces are likely to be touched such as tables, hard-backed chairs, doorknobs, push bars, light switches, handles, handrails, desks, toilets, urinals, sinks, soap and paper dispensers, etc.

5 What are some specific guidelines that I personally take to increase my personal safety in classrooms, labs, offices?

Employees are encouraged to participate in the UGA Office Recycling Program which consists of removing personal waste and recycling to the commonly-located receptacles to provide our cleaning staff more time to devote to disinfection in more highly used parts of the facilities. Additionally, each high-use facility will have a sanitizing station installed in a commonly used area with disinfection wipes. These sanitizing stations will be monitored and refilled by FMD staff for your personal protection to wipe down individual working areas, chairs, office desk, or computer work space.

6 How often are high-touch/high-traffic areas being cleaned, such as door handles, classroom desktops, elevator buttons, and restrooms?

These areas are initially cleaned and disinfected first thing in the morning and fixtures and touch points are revisited multiple times throughout the day. Common areas will also be cleaned and disinfected during our evening shift cleaning rotation.

7 Can we request additional cleaning in our office?

If you have a high-touch, high-traffic area that needs to be sanitized, please enter an online work order at website: workrequest.fmd.uga.edu . Employees are encouraged to keep their personal areas free from clutter when cleaning is scheduled. Typical office surfaces will be wiped down on a regular basis.

8 Who is responsible for cleaning our offices after a known COVID case?

If there is a report of known COVID 19 exposure, it should be reported immediately to FMD's Work Request Center at 706-542-7456 or fmdwork@uga.edu . FMD Safety professionals are trained to assess the area, restrict access, clean and disinfect accordingly.

9 What should I do with my work clothing after I'm done cleaning?

At the end of the shift, employees need to wash their hands before leaving campus. Once home, employees should take off their boots and leave them outside the living area. Clothing should be placed directly into a washing machine.

10 How long does the virus last on surfaces?

Depending on the material, the virus can live on some material like paper for 3 hours. Cardboard has been shown to support the virus for 24 hours. Others include wood/cloth 2 days, stainless steel/polypropylene plastic up to 3 days, and on glass up to 4 days.

11 How far can a sneeze travel?

It has been shown to aerosolize particles up to 27' away.

12 Can I still enter facility work orders?

Yes, UGA FMD staff are working under normal operating procedures and can be contacted at fmdwork@uga.edu or by calling 706-542-7456.

13 What is the difference between disinfection and sterilization?

Disinfection destroys most pathogenic and other microorganisms by physical or chemical means. In contrast, sterilization destroys all microorganisms, including substantial numbers of resistant bacterial spores, by heat (steam autoclave, dry heat, and unsaturated chemical vapor) or liquid chemical sterilants. Disinfection does not ensure the degree of safety associated with sterilization processes.

14 How do you handle personal waste?

There is no evidence to suggest that facility waste needs any additional disinfection. Please place the personal waste into a designated waste/landfill or recycling container.

15 I see FMD with back pack sprayers. Should I be concerned?

No. The FMD personnel with the backpack sprayers are applying our daily disinfectant which is effective against COVID 19. FMD personnel will be using the sprayers as a more effective means to apply the disinfectant over large areas.

16 Will personal hand sanitizer be available from FMD?

FMD will provide facility sanitizing stations in our classroom buildings and lab areas across the campus in the institutional size. We will also install these in most high-use administrative buildings. These stations include 270-count hand sanitizer wipes that will be monitored and refilled by FMD staff for personal use on desktops, chairs, public access computer areas and work areas. Please be sure our campus community members can utilize this resource by not removing sanitizing stations from designated areas or damaging the containers. If a refill is needed, please contact the FMD Work Request Center at 706-542-7456 or fmdwork@uga.edu.

17 Will the added cleaning and disinfection for COVID effect the cleanliness for the rest of our building?

It is understood, due to the added effort for COVID 19 response and expected staff shortages during these unprecedented times, UGA may experience decrease in our APPA Cleaning Standards. APPA Standards can be found at:
<https://spaces4learning.com/articles/2018/10/01/cleanliness.aspx?m=1>

18 If departments have questions about reopening, what resources are available?

Departmental staff with questions about reopening procedures, particularly for PPE needs should consult the "Plans for a Phased Return to Full Operations Guide":
<https://www.uga.edu/coronavirus/documents/phased-return-to-full-operations.pdf>