• Estimated time for the CORONA virus survival on material levels (at 20 degree Celsius):

• Steel: 3 to 28 days

• Aluminum: up to 8 hours

• Wood: up to 4 days

• Paper: up to 5 days

• Glass: up to 4 days

• Plastic: up to 2 days

• PVC: up to 5 days

• Surgical gloves (latex): up to 8 hours

Gown: up to 2 daysCeramic: up to 5 daysTeflon: up to 5 days

Sterilization against human CORONA virus:

- Ethanol 70%: elimination more than 99.9% (10 minutes of contact)
- benzalkonium chloride 0.05% (from the quaternary ammonium class): elimination more than 99.9% (in 10 minutes during contact contact)
- Chlorohexidine Di-gluconate: No effect
- Sodium Hypochlorite [density 0.21%]: elimination more than 99.99% in 30 second
- Sodium Hypochlorite [density 0.01%]: elimination more than 99% in 10 minutes
- Hydrogen peroxide 0.5%: elimination more than 99.99% in less than 1 minute
- Formaldehyde 1%: elimination in 2 minutes
- Glutaraldehyde 2/5%: elimination more than 99.99% in 5 minutes
- Povidone-iodine 7/5%: more than 99.99% in 15 second

Conclusion:

- Human CORONA virus can stay active on materials for up to 9 days.
- Sterilization of materials with Sodium Hypochlorite 0.1%, Ethanol 62 to 71% or hydrogen peroxide 0.5% can completely deactivate CORONA virus within 1 minute.

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^{**}For economical purpose, low density and elimination of odour, utilization of hydrogen peroxide in sterilization of materials and equipment is very useful.