

COVID-19: Cleaning and Disinfecting Electronic Devices



This guideline provides recommendations for cleaning and disinfecting electronic devices.

Definitions:

- + Encased Devices: Electronic devices (tablets, phones) with a protective case
- + Un-encased Devices: Electronic devices (tablets, phones) without a protective case
- + Accessories: Chargers

Procedure:

- 1) Don new gloves.
- 2) Inspect device. Ensure there is no visible soil (body fluid, dust, or organic matter). If present, use a wipe to remove all visible soil.
- 3) For encased devices and accessories, use a disinfectant wipe to disinfect the hard, non-porous surfaces. Do not use bleach.
For un-encased devices or surfaces, use 70% isopropyl alcohol wipe to disinfect hard, non-porous surfaces such as the display, keyboard or other exterior surfaces. Don't use bleach.
Note:
 - **Avoid getting fluid or moisture into the speakers or charging port.**
 - **Consider placing a wipeable cover or screen protector on the device.**
- 4) Surfaces must stay wet for the time required per product label.
- 5) Allow to air dry completely.
- 6) Dispose of wipes and gloves.
- 7) Perform hand hygiene.

References:

1. Apple Inc. "How to Clean your Apple Products" <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT204172#ipads>
2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Cleaning and Disinfection for Households" <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cleaning-disinfection.html>

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