

# Safer Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Disinfecting

## Use the Right Tool for the Job



**THE JOB:** Remove dirt, grime, and some germs from most surfaces and objects.

### THE RIGHT TOOL: A Cleaner

- Remove clutter to make cleaning easier.
- Use a mild soap, detergent, or cleaning product.
- Use microfiber cloths and mops.
- Use a vacuum cleaner with a HEPA filter for carpets and other soft surfaces.

*Routine cleaning is enough for most surfaces and objects.*



**THE JOB:** Kill most germs on kitchen and food surfaces, utensils, and mouthed toys.

### THE RIGHT TOOL: A Sanitizer

- Use an EPA registered sanitizer after cleaning kitchen and food surfaces.
- Use a dishwasher with a sanitizing cycle for dishes, utensils, and mouthed toys.
- If you don't have a dishwasher, use an EPA registered sanitizer after cleaning dishes, utensils, and mouthed toys.

*Always clean surfaces before applying a sanitizer or disinfectant!*



**THE JOB:** Kill nearly all the germs on surfaces soiled with blood or body fluids.

### THE RIGHT TOOL: A Disinfectant

- Use an EPA registered disinfectant for:
  - toilet and diapering areas and surfaces.
  - any surfaces soiled with blood, feces, or body fluids.
  - high-touch surfaces during a disease outbreak.