To properly clean and safely disinfect for the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), facility managers and staff must understand how to properly identify and use the right products.

**IS YOUR DISINFECTANT EFFECTIVE AGAINST CORONAVIRUS?**

**Seal of Approval**
Use disinfecting/antimicrobial products that have been registered for use against specific types of viruses by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the EPA activated the “Emerging Viral Pathogen Guidance for Antimicrobial Pesticides,” allowing legal “off-label” use of disinfectants against a novel virus.

**Check the Source**
If you aren’t sure your disinfectant can combat coronavirus, refer to the manufacturer’s website or EPA’s “List N” of approved disinfectants.

**Around the Globe**
Every country has their own requirement for disinfectant claims for SARS-CoV-2. Always review the requirements and approvals in your country.

**TO PROPERLY CLEAN AND DISINFECT, FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE TIPS:**

**Spray and Stay**
10 seconds – 10 minutes: Disinfectant dwell times range anywhere from 10 seconds to 10 minutes. Read the instructions on the back of the bottle to achieve virus kill claims.

**“C” comes before “D”**
Clean first - Before disinfecting, use an all-purpose cleaner to effectively remove dust, debris, and other contaminants on a surface.

Disinfect second – Apply an EPA-registered disinfectant to the surface and keep the surface wet for the required dwell time.

**One and Done**
1 – The number of surfaces you should clean with a single side of a towel or disinfecting wipe. Once finished, use a clean side of the towel or a new towel or disposable wipe.

**Scrub, Rinse, Repeat**
20 seconds - The amount of time you should spend washing your hands with soap and water before, during, and after cleaning.

60% - Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol when soap and water is unavailable.