**COVID-19 PREVENTATIVE MEASURES**

**CLEANING AND DISINFECTING REUSABLE BAGS**

Current evidence suggests that novel coronavirus may remain viable for hours or days on a variety of surfaces. Cleaning followed by disinfection is recommended by the CDC as a best practice measure for prevention of COVID-19 and other viral respiratory illnesses in households and community settings.

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**CLEANING AND DISINFECTING PLASTIC AND NYLON BAGS**

- Clean inside and outside of the bag with soapy water and rinse.
- Spray or wipe down the bags inside and out with diluted bleach solution (see below) or recommended disinfectant.
- Allow bags to air dry completely before storing and using.
- CDC recommends diluted household bleach solutions, alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol, and compounds on the EPA-recommended list, found here: [go.ncsu.edu/epacovid-19](http://go.ncsu.edu/epacovid-19)

**CLEANING CLOTH BAGS**

- Wash in warm water with normal laundry detergent.
- Dry on the warmest setting possible.
- See CDC guidelines on laundry [go.ncsu.edu/cdclaundry](http://go.ncsu.edu/cdclaundry)

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**DILUTING BLEACH**

- Follow manufacturer's label instructions for application and proper ventilation.
- Prepare a bleach solution by mixing:
  - 5 tablespoons (1/3 cup) bleach per gallon of water OR
  - 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water
- Use containers of bleach that have been open no longer than 30 days, as bleach can break down over time.

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**For more info, visit:** [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov)

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