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## PROTOCOLS:

### COVID-19 SURVIVAL RATES

#### SURVIVAL RATE ON CERTAIN SURFACES

ITEM	SURVIVAL RATE
<b>AIR</b> (after a single cough, sneeze, etc.)	<b>03 HRS.</b>
<b>CARDBOARD</b>	<b>01 DAY</b>
<b>CLOTHING/ FABRIC</b>	<b>01-02 DAYS</b>
<b>COPPER</b> (coins)	<b>04 HRS.</b>
<b>COUNTER TOPS</b>	<b>03-05 DAYS</b>
<b>FOOD</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>GLASS</b>	<b>03-05 DAYS</b>
<b>PAPER</b>	<b>01-02 DAYS</b>
<b>PLASTIC</b>	<b>03-05 DAYS</b>
<b>STAINLESS STEEL</b>	<b>07 DAYS</b>
<b>WATER</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>WOOD</b>	<b>04 DAYS</b>

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