

Maxons Restorations details approaches to decontaminate buildings

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New York, NY The coronavirus crisis warrants two different approaches by owners and managers of residential and commercial buildings, according to Howard White, president of Maxons Restorations.

"If there are no confirmed exposures, it is essential to provide wet-down/wipe down procedures," said White. "Vigilant wash down of touch-prone surfaces is recommended by the CDC and other local and federal health authorities."

"The standard operating procedure in a confirmed/suspected infection scenario is similar to general cleaning – but is more extensive," said White. "The first step is a disinfecting wet down of all touch-prone surfaces. Once complete, a full spray down with a biocide using an electrostatic sprayer is required."

Biocides utilized must be EPA-certified for broad killing of viruses.

"No restoration company can guarantee 100% eradication of the virus or prevent re-infection of a property, of course." White said. "While availability of resources and information are changing day by day it is important to follow best practices and process as recommended by local and federal health authorities."

Most commonly treated areas are: Entrances and lobbies; elevator cabs; doors, frames and handles; light switches; public interior space; and hallways/stairways.

But in the case of buildings with confirmed cases, it is essential to have a highly trained and specialized biohazard team perform vital disinfection services. These teams have extensive experience working in contaminated environments and are fit-tested and certified to wear the proper protective equipment.

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