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Cleaning furniture during a pandemic.  
Recommendations.

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With the global spread of Covid-19, hygiene measures and bacteria control have never been more important. This guide offers recommendations on how to clean and disinfect Gabriel fabrics to reduce the risk of infection and minimise the spread of the virus.

## **How to handle contaminated furniture**

If you are concerned about potential contamination of furniture with Covid-19, please follow the recommendations below:

- Always comply with local government guidelines
- Do not use the furniture for at least 48 hours and/or disinfect the fabric

## **Do not use the furniture**

Research indicates that the virus that causes Covid-19 is viable on surfaces for up to 48 hours in a normal and dry indoor environment. The exact life span of the coronavirus on surfaces is, however, still a matter of debate, and local authorities provide different answers. Consequently, we advise you to check and follow local government guidelines in your country, state or region.

## **Furniture disinfection**

The surfaces of furniture finished with enamels and varnishes are cleaned with a small amount of soap and water and immediately wiped dry with a soft cloth. Oiled furniture is also cleaned with a mild detergent, i.e. soap and water

Do not use any cleaning chemicals. Products with ethanol may cause tarnish and discoloration of the varnish.

Do not use strong detergents, a cleanser, paraffin, or turpentine, as this will create a discolored stain.



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## **Fabric disinfection**

**Polyester fabrics** can be disinfected with soap and water, and agents with ethanol are allowed to effectively destroy viruses and bacteria.

**Woolen fabrics** in case of contamination, furniture upholstered with wool fabric is best left unused for a minimum of 48 hours.

If this is not possible, wool fabrics can be disinfected with ethanol.

Disinfecting wool fabrics with ethanol will, however, strip the wool of lanolin and may cause colour changes and reduce the lifetime of the fabric. Consequently, this method should only be applied if there are no other alternatives.



*It should be remembered that the above recommendations are not guidelines of health authorities. We will inform you regularly about the next recommendations regarding the disinfection of fabrics and the use of various means after receiving information from the manufacturers.*

*Recommendations for fabrics come from GABRIEL – [www.gabriel.dk](http://www.gabriel.dk)*