

Surfaces Spread Germs

How to Protect Yourself and Others



Nearly **111 million** workdays are lost each year due to the flu, which adds up to about **\$7 billion per year** in sick days and lost productivity.¹

Germs are spread on surfaces, by people and through the air.

Influenza viruses can survive on hard surfaces such as stainless steel and plastic for up to 48 hours.²



The telephone (48%), keyboard and mouse (38%) – are considered germ hot spots in the office during cold and flu season.³



Hand sanitizer (37%) or disinfecting wipes (36%) top employees' list of what they would keep at their work station during cold and flu season and top the list of items employees wish employers made available in the office.³



Nearly all employees agree (86%) that disinfecting surfaces is one of the best ways to prevent germ transmission.³



Reduce the spread of cold and flu viruses in the office.



Get the flu vaccine



Stay home if you are sick



Routinely clean and disinfect personal and communal surfaces with Clorox® Disinfecting Wipes



Wash hands regularly with soap and water or use hand sanitizer



Sneeze and cough into your elbow or a tissue



¹ "Seasonal Influenza (Flu) in the Workplace." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2012, June 4). Retrieved from: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/flu/activities.html>.

² "Interim Guidance on Environmental Management of Pandemic Influenza Virus." Flu.gov. Retrieved from: <http://www.flu.gov/planning-preparedness/hospital/influenzaguidance.html>.

³ Clorox Professional Products Company Survey, May 2015.