

**Antimicrobial:** adjective | an-ti-mi-cro-bi-al | ,an-ti-mī-'krō-bē-əl - *Destroying or inhibiting the growth of microorganisms and especially pathogenic microorganisms.*

## What are Antimicrobial Products and Why Do They Matter?

High traffic surfaces and tools like public use kiosks, computers, shared workspaces and computer peripherals can be a significant health risk as they serve as a transfer site for harmful microorganisms.

Consumers and businesses can benefit in many ways from antimicrobial products. Unlike disinfectant cleaners which provide limited residual activity once the treated surface dries, antimicrobial technology works to continuously minimize the presence of microbes.

As an added benefit, most antimicrobial products are waterproof and can be washed with soap and water to further reduce the risk of germs spreading.

## Types of Antimicrobial Products

- Keyboards
- Keyboard covers
- Mice
- Mouse Pad
- Scanner
- Monitors
- Medical Grade PCs

## How to Clean Your Tech

Keyboards and mice can be wiped down with Lysol wipes without issue, just ensure the wipe is damp and not sopping wet, as you don't want any cleaning residue seeping into the mechanisms. Also be sure to remove batteries or unplug from computers first. Canned compressed air or an air compressor can be used to blow away any dust or debris.

### What You'll Need

- Microfiber Cloth
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Compressed Air

Monitors and laptop screens are very different. No abrasive cleaner or wipe should be used. Instead, screens and monitors should be wiped down with a gentle microfiber cloth to remove dust and debris. Microfiber cloths are made with special fibers that have more surface area to trap dirt, dust and germs. While it won't completely sanitize the surface, it will certainly help.

Devices with glass screens, like the Apple Laptops, iPads and iPhones can be wiped down using Lysol without causing damage to the screen.

In all scenarios, devices should be powered down and unplugged before cleaning and excess cleaning fluid should always be wiped away\*\*. And never spray any cleaning fluid directly onto a device or accessory, instead spray cleaners on a gentle microfiber cloth to wipe down.

\*\*According to Lysol, their wipes are EPA approved to kill COVID on hard, non-porous surfaces in 2 minutes