



Raising A Reader

Cleaning and Disinfecting RAR Materials

RAR RED BOOK BAGS

- **Canvas Bags (purchased *before* 2017)**
 - Wash on the "Gentle" cycle using non-bleach detergent.
 - *Remember: Air Dry Only!*
- **Vinyl Bags (purchased *after* 2017)**
 - Machine washing will damage the bag and is NOT recommended.
 - Wash gently by hand using mild soap or laundry detergent.
 - You may also be able to wipe bags down using a disinfecting wipe.

Also Recommended:

- Dry Cleaning Red Book Bags
- Using hospital grade disinfectant spray
- Follow the advice of the CDC and your local health authorities to know what is safe for your community.



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Current CDC Research

- Regarding touching surfaces or objects: It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. This is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads, but we are still learning more about this virus.

Advisory, May 20, 2020

Sources:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/cleaning-disinfection.html>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/cleaning-disinfection.html>
- <https://www.dlionline.org/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance>
- <https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.1030>



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RAR BOOKS

Gently Use Disinfecting Wipes on:

- Board Books
- Kapco-Covered Books

Use Microfiber or Lint-free Cloth to Clean Non-Kapco-Covered Books:

- Hardcover Books
- Paperback Books

Additional Considerations:

- 'Quarantining' for a period of time to allow the virus to disappear
- Changing rotation schedules to allow for dissipation of virus
- Allowing families to keep Red Book Bags and rotating books in plastic/ziplock bags

Please Remember:

- Thoroughly wash hands before and after handling materials.
- Follow recommendations from the CDC and your local health authorities.



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Current CDC Recommendation

- David Berendes, an epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommended leaving books untouched for a 24-hour period before handling them.

Previous COVID Research

- "...the virus "remained active on plastic and stainless steel surfaces for two to three days... It remained infectious for up to 24 hours on cardboard."
New England Journal of Medicine, March 2020
- "No infectious virus could be recovered from printing and tissue papers after a 3-hour incubation."
The Lancet, April 2, 2020

Learn More

- <https://www.schoollibraryjournal.com/?detailStory=IMLS-CDC-offer-guidance-for-disinfecting-returned-books-library-journal-coronavirus-covid19>

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