

WARREN BOARD OF HEALTH
Charles E. Shepard Municipal Building



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Town of Warren Business Owners:

The Coronavirus is a growing concern for the world, and the Town of Warren is no exception. In an effort to reduce the spread of Coronavirus, the flu and other illness-causing pathogens, we are asking business owners and staff to pay particular attention to frequently touched hard surfaces within the establishment.

Cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting are not the same. Cleaning removes soil and debris. Sanitizing quickly removes or kills 99.99% of bacteria and viruses. Disinfection completely kills all pathogens, and typically takes higher concentrations and longer contact time to achieve.

To do your part in staying healthy and keeping others healthy, the following items should be disinfected or sanitized frequently throughout each day:

- light switches
- door knobs, handles and push bars
- pens
- coffee urn pumps
- remote controls
- elevator buttons
- counters and desks
- phones & computer accessories

A bleach and water solution with a concentration of 50-100ppm is safe for sanitizing food contact surfaces, and 600-800ppm will disinfect most hard surfaces with a contact time of at least 5 minutes. A mix of 1/3 cup household bleach to a gallon of cool water (not hot water) is a good disinfectant with a concentration 600-800ppm.

We will keep everyone updated as more information becomes available. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Health Department and/or check online at: [mass.gov/2019coronavirus](https://www.mass.gov/2019coronavirus)

Sincerely,

Kenneth B. Lacey, Jr.
Board of Health Chairman