

Apple: This is how you should disinfect your iPhone, iPad, and Mac

But don't mess it up, because liquid damage isn't covered under Apple warranty or AppleCare.



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A few weeks ago, ZDNet posted a simple (and as it turned out, timely) [question over on Twitter](#) -- How often do you disinfect your smartphone? [Two-thirds of respondents answered never.](#)

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Now that COVID-19 coronavirus has reared its ugly head, [sanitizing gadgets that we hold in our hands and pockets all the time](#), take to the bathroom with us, and then hold exceedingly close, cozily so, to the orifices in our faces makes more sense.

Apple has updated its [How to clean your Apple products](#) instructions in response to [coronavirus](#) to include information on how to sanitize all things Apple.

Apple recommends using "70 percent isopropyl alcohol wipe or Clorox Disinfecting Wipes" to "gently wipe the hard, nonporous surfaces of your Apple product, such as the display, keyboard, or other exterior surfaces."

Sounds simple, but there are caveats.

- Don't use bleach
- Avoid getting moisture in any opening
- Don't submerge Apple products in any cleaning agents
- Don't use disinfectant on fabric or leather surfaces
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Also, owners of [Apple's \\$6,000 Pro Display XDR monitor](#) featuring the [nano texture glass](#) need to be aware that this device [has its own special cleaning instructions](#). Failing to follow these care instructions could damage the display.