



## **Hotel Sanitization Guidance Pursuant P.L. 2020, c. 37**

**March 10, 2021**

On June 11, 2020, Governor Murphy signed [P.L. 2020, c. 37](#) (supplementing N.J.S.A. 55:13A-1 et seq.) (“the Hotel Sanitization Law”) directing the Commissioner of the Department of Health to issue protocols for the sanitization of all hotels in the State in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.) and authorizing anticipatory administrative action in advance of those procedures. On July 9, 2020, the Commissioner of the Department of Health issued [Executive Directive 20-024](#) setting forth directives for hotel sanitization pursuant to the Hotel Sanitization Law. The Executive Directive included the requirements of the Hotel Sanitization Law to ensure that every occupied guest room, as defined by N.J.S.A. 55:13A-3(j), is cleaned and sanitized every day; that the room is provided with an adequate supply of clean towels, sheets, and pillowcases; and that the towels, sheets, and pillowcases are changed no less frequently than once every day. It has come to the Department’s attention that some guests of hotels<sup>1</sup> have expressed concern about COVID-19 transmission with hotel staff entering their room in order to satisfy these requirements. Accordingly, the Department is issuing this guidance for clarification as to that requirement.

There are multiple ways to satisfy the daily cleaning and linen/towel requirements of occupied guest rooms at hotels. One way to satisfy the requirements is for hotel staff to enter the guest room and to perform daily cleaning, sanitization and linen/towel changing. If guests are uncomfortable with hotel staff entering their room during their stay, another way to satisfy the requirement is for hotels to provide guests with disinfectant, necessary cleaning materials, and sufficient linens/towels in order to perform cleaning and sanitization of surfaces as well as linen changes themselves. The Department recommends that an information sheet be provided to all guests stating that they can perform cleaning and linen/towel changing themselves or, if desired, how to request maid service for that purpose.

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<sup>1</sup> “Hotels” that are subject to Executive Directive 20-024 and this guidance are defined by N.J.S.A. 55:13A-3(j).

**Resources:**

CDC COVID-19 Information for Hotels, Resorts and Lodges

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/hotel-employers.html>

CDC COVID-19 Cleaning Guidance for Housekeeping

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/hotel-employees.html>

EPA List of Disinfectants for use against COVID-19

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2-covid-19>

CDC COVID-19: Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>

NJ Department of Health: Information for Businesses

[https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019\\_schoolbusiness.shtml](https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/covid2019_schoolbusiness.shtml)

CDC Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Home

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html>