

**From:** Englander, David <David.Englander@vermont.gov>  
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Thank you reaching out. In truth, we are all involved in emergency response, as you can imagine. This is the statement we have given to the address the question:

The short answer is that many surfaces - doorknobs, countertops, handrails - can be a disease vector so long as the virus or bacteria survives on it. Neither single-use nor reusable bags nor cardboard present a particular hazard. The answer for any surface is: be careful, wash your hands, don't touch your face.

Here is some useful context: <https://hub.jhu.edu/2020/03/20/sars-cov-2-survive-on-surfaces/>

I hope this is sufficient for the committee's purposes.

Best,  
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