



CDC Updates COVID-19 Transmission Webpage to Clarify Information about Types of Spread

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) actively reviews our website to make sure the content is accessible and clear for all types of audiences. As a result of one such review, edits were made to the organization of the COVID-19 transmission page, including adding a headline in an attempt to clarify other types of spread beyond person to person. This change was intended to make it easier to read and was not a result of any new science.

After media reports appeared that suggested a change in CDC's view on transmissibility, it became clear that these edits were confusing. Therefore, CDC has once again edited [the page](#) to provide clarity.

The primary and most important mode of transmission for COVID-19 is through close contact from person-to-person. Based on data from lab studies on COVID-19 and what we know about similar respiratory diseases, 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, but this isn't thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

Cleaning & Disinfecting Guidance

For CDC's guidance on cleaning and disinfecting, please visit [here](#).

Guidance includes the following:

[CDC/EPA guidance for businesses, public spaces, workplaces, schools, and homes](#)

[Additional guidance for cleaning and disinfection, including when someone is sick](#)

[Disinfecting your non-emergency vehicles](#)

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