



On April 5<sup>th</sup>, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued an announcement changing its recommendations regarding disinfecting surfaces. The CDC Director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky, issued the following statement, "Disinfection is only recommended in indoor settings, schools and homes where there has been a suspected or confirmed case of Covid-19, within the last 24 hours."

The decision was based on "available epidemiological data and studies of environmental transmission factors, surface transmission is not the main route by which SARS-CoV-2 spreads, and the risk is considered to be low."

After reviewing the evidence, the SAKE Board of Directors made the decision to eliminate surface disinfection from its protocols for upcoming limited practice sessions. All other aspects of the protocols remain in place.

If you have any questions about this change, please contact the SAKE Health Advisor, Nancy Carney (carneyn@ohsu.edu).