

How to handle your textiles

Covid -19



Clean is safe

Hygiene is crucial to keep the virus from spreading. In times like these we should all keep distance to other people, wash our hands and make sure our workspaces are clean. Above all you should always comply to the guidelines from your local authority.

Using the textiles

According to research, the risk of contracting the coronavirus from textiles is low. The World Health Organization states that touching a contaminated surface is not the primary way of spreading the virus. You cannot be infected by just touching something because the virus needs to reach mucous membranes in the mouth, nose or eyes. Furthermore, studies show that the virus can be trapped in porous surfaces, such as textiles. In case of contamination, we recommend you leave the textile unused for at least 48 hours since it seems to be the maximum life span of the virus on indoor surfaces.

Cleaning and disinfecting the textiles

The coronavirus can easily be destroyed using regular detergents. So, before disinfecting any textile, you should clean it properly. In case of contamination we recommend the following actions depending on what material you are dealing with.



Wool

Dry clean the textile. This is the standard way of cleaning wool products. Keeping wool dry is key to maintaining its natural antimicrobial qualities.

Disinfect the textile. Using ethanol will strip the wool of lanolin. It will not really damage the fabric, but it may cause minor colour changes and slightly reduce its lifespan. So, avoid this if possible but if necessary, test on a hidden surface of the textile.

Do not wash woollen textiles and do not clean them using chlorine-based detergents.



Polyester and Trevira CS

Wash the textile. Our curtains can be dry cleaned or washed at 60°C, with gentle spinning. Wash them separately and be careful not to overload the washing machine. Hang dry and iron on medium heat or steam before hanging them.

Disinfect the textile. Using ethanol on polyester or Trevira CS is not a problem. It will not damage the fabric or change its colour.

Another option is to clean the textile with chlorine-based detergents. These formulas may not damage the fabric, but ultimately, we recommend that you stick with the aforementioned cleaning methods.

**Take care,
Svensson crew**