

CLEANING YOUR CHROMEBOOK TO PREVENT CORONAVIRUS SPREAD

Step 1 – Completely power down your Chromebook and unplug the power. If applicable, remove the battery from the bottom of the Chromebook. Most Chromebooks do not have easily-removable batteries, but this is a good precaution if possible.

Step 2 – Disconnect any cables or peripherals that are plugged into your Chromebook. This will allow you to access and clean every part of the device.

Step 3 – If available, use compressed air to remove larger pieces of dirt or dust that might be in your keyboard and ports. When using compressed air, only give it a few short bursts and never turn the can upside-down. If you have an extra cleaning cloth, you can also dampen it with plain water and wipe down the device during this step.

Step 4 – Use a disinfectant wipe or apply a small amount of rubbing alcohol solution to the cloth and wipe down the Chromebook (around each key of the keyboard). Use a clean microfiber cloth small amount of water to remove any fingerprints or smudges on the screen, but not too much since this could damage the display.

Step 5 – After everything is dry, you can use a dry microfiber to buff the screen to remove any haze that might be lingering on the display from the disinfecting process.

Although this article is geared towards the prevention of COVID-19, the cleaning techniques described above can be used to generally clean and disinfect devices, like shared Chromebooks at the end of a school year or during flu season. The same process can also be used for any external peripherals like a Bluetooth keyboard and mouse or even your phone. If you have other ideas or suggestions on cleaning and disinfecting your Chromebook, let us know in the comments.

Harsh cleaning supplies like bleach should never be used on your electronic screens since they can also damage the screen and other parts of your Chromebook. Also, avoid any abrasive cleaning brushes or cleaning pads that might scratch the surfaces of your Chromebook.

Last precaution – never spray any cleaning solution directly onto your Chromebook or any electronics for that matter. You should always apply the cleaning solution to a microfiber cloth and then apply it to the device to avoid any liquid getting into the device and causing damage. With those warnings out the way, let's get started cleaning and disinfecting your Chromebook.