



June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Re: Cleaning and sanitizing Loba water-based finish

All LOBA water-based finishes, when properly applied, will not propagate the growth of mold or bacteria. It is important that floors are cleaned appropriately using LOBA Hardwood Floor Cleaner.

Once the floors are cleaned, they may be sanitized/disinfected. The CDC has some very good recommendations on their web-site.

Their statement on household cleaners:

*“For disinfection, most common EPA-registered household disinfectants should be effective.*

- *A list of products that are EPA-approved for use against the virus that causes COVID-19 is available. Follow manufacturer’s instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products for (concentration, application method and contact time, etc.).”*

And for Bleach:

*“Additionally, diluted household bleach solutions (at least 1000ppm sodium hypochlorite, or concentration of 5%–6%) can be used if appropriate for the surface. Follow manufacturer’s instructions for application, ensuring a contact time of at least 1 minute, and allowing proper ventilation during and after application. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.*

- *Prepare a bleach solution by mixing:*
- *5 tablespoons (1/3<sup>rd</sup> cup) bleach per gallon of room temperature water or*
- *4 teaspoons bleach per quart of room temperature water*
- *Bleach solutions will be effective for disinfection up to 24 hours.”*

It is essential that all disinfecting / sanitizing products are used as directed as excessive use/application could discolor some finished surfaces.

Regards,

Don Jewell  
Head of Technical  
Loba-Wakol, LLC