

## YOUR DISINFECTION EXPERTS

### Kersia, Medentech \* Coronavirus (2019 - nCoV)

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The 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak is continuing to evolve with many cases having now been detected outside of Wuhan, China. As of February 4th, the World Health Organisation (WHO) have reported 425 deaths in China and 20,630 confirmed cases globally. A total of 159 cases have been identified outside of China, spread worldwide across 23 countries. There has been one recorded death outside of China.

As a result, the WHO have declared the 2019-nCoV outbreak a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC). By declaring this outbreak a PHEIC, the WHO has highlighted the urgency and need for international efforts to minimize further spread. The aim of a PHEIC is to ensure a global response that is evidence-based, measured and balanced. The enhanced cooperation will increase transparency, the development of vaccines, diagnostics and therapeutics. For more information on the WHO's response, please visit:

<http://www.euro.who.int/en/health-topics/emergencies/pages/news/news/2020/01/2019-ncov-outbreak-is-an-emergency-of-international-concern>

Although the WHO is still to determine the survival capabilities of 2019-nCoV on surfaces, preliminary information suggests the virus could survive for several hours. In the case of high touch surfaces which could harbour respiratory droplets from an infected patient, regular disinfection is necessary. Our **NaDCC** effervescent surface disinfectant products are effective at killing this viral pathogen. The WHO have also recommended the use of **NaDCC granules** for the disinfection of health-care facilities as part of their recommended Disease commodity package – Novel Coronavirus

[https://www.who.int/publications-detail/disease-commodity-package---novel-coronavirus-\(ncov\)](https://www.who.int/publications-detail/disease-commodity-package---novel-coronavirus-(ncov))

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