## Disinfection/cleaning of dojo and equipment



### **GOOD TO KNOW**

- Surfaces that are frequently touched with the hands are more likely to be contaminated.
- The virus causing COVID-19 survives on surfaces from a few hours to a few days.



# CHOOSE A PRODUCT THAT CLEANS AND DISINFECTS

- Choose products that clean and disinfect at the same time.
- Cleaning: this action removes germs, dirt and impurities from surfaces with soap (or detergent) and water.
   Cleaning does not necessarily kill germs.
- o **Disinfect**: this action **kills germs** with chemicals.
- o <u>Health Canada</u> regularly publishes a list of disinfectants effective against COVID-19.



### DISINFECTION KIT (NON-EXHAUSTIVE LIST)

- Disinfectant products (wipes, aerosol cans, spray bottles, cans, etc.)
- Paper towels and cleaning cloths
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- Buckets for cleaning
- o Disposable latex gloves





### How to properly clean the tatamis



#### Daily maintenance:

- We recommend vacuuming or mopping every day over the entire surface of the tatamis to prevent dust from accumulating.
- This task is usually done at the end of the day after the last lesson.

#### Weekly maintenance:

- o We recommend washing the tatamis at least twice a week to disinfect the surface. The frequency of washing may vary depending on the use.
- o To do this, we recommend using a mop.

#### Annual maintenance:

- We recommend removing all tatamis twice a year so that you can remove the build-up of dust and clean/disinfect the floor.
- o It is also an opportunity to disinfect the surfaces of the tatamis which are generally not cleaned (bottom, sides).





# CHOOSE A PRODUCT THAT CLEANS AND DISINFECTS WITHOUT DAMAGING THE TATAMIS



- o In order to preserve the vinyl of the tatamis, it is imperative to use a mild soap with a neutral pH that does not leave any residue on the surfaces.
  - o If the soap does not disinfect, use disinfectant products (wipes, aerosol cans, spray bottles, cans, etc.) that do not damage the vinyl.



### **CAUTION**

- o Tatamis are not completely waterproof. Therefore, do not wet them too much and avoid the accumulation of water on the tatamis.
- o The excess water/humidity contributes to fast deterioration of the tatamis (the inner foam swells taking off the vinyl, which lead to development of fungus).
  - Using a mop that is too wet can lead to water infiltration between the tatamis. This can lead to stagnant water and floor damage.
- o It is preferable to handle tatamis in pairs so as not to injure yourself (a tatami weighs around 18.5 kg) and to avoid damaging them (crease, vinyl peeling off, etc.).



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