

Sunlight and Alcohol Showed Effective at Killing Coronavirus, Alcohol More Effective Than Bleach

Officials say that COVID-19 weakens faster when exposed to high heat, humidity, and sunlight. The virus does well in indoor and dry conditions. This indicates that it is likely the virus will spread less in the summer, similar to the flu and other respiratory illnesses. It is very likely that after the initial outbreak we will have a “coronavirus season” like “Flu season”. Despite this hope, there have been some warm climate areas that were hit very hard by the coronavirus. On surfaces that are non-porous in dark, low-humidity areas like stainless steel, COVID-19 takes 18 hours to lose its strength by 50%. In high humidity areas, that time is shortened to six hours, and in areas with high humidity and sunlight combined, it becomes two minutes.

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Additionally, research has shown that Isopropyl alcohol is more effective as a disinfectant than bleach. A quick google search brought up no headlines reporting this, and in fact, the top article is titled “CNN reported “Bleach and sunlight might kill the coronavirus on a park bench but they can be harmful to the body” But I’m sure this is just a coincidence and has nothing to do with the power of the Clorox company.

Source:

- *Sunlight, heat, and humidity weaken coronavirus, U.S. official says -Reuters*