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A stronger concentration of 1:100 may be used to disinfect surfaces. Virus has been reported to persist on surfaces for days. Areas being wiped should be left wet for ten minutes.

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