

Dear Valued Customer,

Given the increased incidence rate of novel COVID-19 in the United States and the heightened stress placed on healthcare facilities and institutions, we are receiving a number of inquiries regarding the effectiveness of our reprocessing solutions ability to inactivate the virus. At Getinge, we recognize that patient and employee safety supported by minimizing the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus, is critically important.

This letter is to assure you that you can render COVID-19 inactive on medical devices by following the Instructions For Use (IFU's) for cleaning and disinfection/sterilization of the device or instrument. Infection prevention recommendations for this virus are similar to those already adopted for blood borne pathogens such as HIV and Hepatitis B. Normal recommended infection prevention standard precautions for device reprocessing should be followed. Key practices include the safe transport of soiled articles. Additionally, the cleaning, disinfection and/or sterilization of medical devices should always occur in accordance with the manufacturer's Instructions For Use (IFU's) and your healthcare facility's policies and practices.

To answer your needs for medical device reprocessing, Getinge offers a complete solution of Central Sterile Department (CSD) equipment, including washer/disinfectors, ultrasonic cleaners and solutions, sterilizers and rotary sealers for packing. Furthermore, we offer cleaning chemistries as well as washer and sterilization monitors. All of these products are effective in high quality reprocessing.

Lastly, this is a great time to re-emphasize hand hygiene and PPE donning and doffing to all SPD staff. Please make sure to clean and disinfect work areas and transport bins.

Please know that Getinge is here for you now and always.

Sincerely



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