In a public space, doors and door hardware are one of the most commonly touched surfaces, increasing the risk of the transmission of viruses and bacteria. See below to learn how to keep your door hardware in tip-top shape.

YES

- Target high touch surfaces that are in frequent contact with hands.
- Begin by cleaning your hardware with a mild, non-abrasive anti-bacterial detergent and water solution, using a soft cloth. Gently wipe all surfaces.
- Using water and a soft cloth only, wipe all surfaces to remove any remaining detergent residue.
- For effective cleaning, the treated surface should appear visibly wet then allowed to air dry.

NO

- Do not use bleach solutions in high concentrations to prevent reaction with the metal and subsequent corrosion.
- Avoid high alkaline cleaners including sodium carbonate, sodium hydroxide and ammonia, as these can damage metals and plastics.
- Do not use cleaners typically used on bathroom fixtures and industrial solvents, as these will damage the protective finish.
- Do not use abrasive products to apply the cleaner such as scouring pads or steel wool.
- Avoid spraying the cleaning solution directly onto the product.

Other Tips

For most effective germ-transmission prevention, clean and disinfect all door hardware frequently. Unless it poses a security risk, consider leaving interior doors propped open to reduce touchpoints.