

BC wheelchair basketball

Sport Wheelchairs Cleaning and Disinfecting

What you should know?

- Surfaces frequently touched with hands are most likely to be contaminated. These include **push rims, tires, chair frame, click straps, seat cushion, and back rest.**
- It is not yet known how long the virus causing COVID-19 lives on surfaces, however, early evidence suggests it can live on objects and surfaces from a few hours to days.



Pick-up and drop-off of equipment:

- Our staff is happy to coordinate pick-up and drop-off of our sport wheelchairs to individuals or programs. Please note that BCWBS staff will be wearing appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and will ensure that chairs are sanitized right before handing off the sport wheelchairs.
 - In certain circumstances, this process can be completed outside of the facility to help with unnecessary entrance or to keep staff safe

Choose a product that cleans and disinfects:

- When cleaning sport wheelchairs, choose products that clean and disinfect all at once (e.g. premixed store-bought disinfectant cleaning solutions and/or wipes when available).
 - Cleaning products remove germs, dirt, and impurities from surfaces by using soap (or detergent) and water. Cleaning does not necessarily kill germs, but by removing them, it lowers their numbers and the risk of spreading infection.
 - Disinfecting products kill germs on surfaces using chemicals.
- Use only [approved disinfectants](#) that have a Drug Identification Number (DIN). A DIN is an 8-digit number given by Health Canada that confirms the disinfectant product is approved and safe for use in Canada.

Cleaning procedure:

- Wash hands with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after sanitizing the sport the wheelchairs.
- Sanitize the sport **wheelchairs before and after each session and between each user** during a session.
- Contaminated disposable cleaning items (e.g. wipes, cloths) should be placed in a lined garbage bin before disposing of them with regular waste. Reusable cleaning items can be washed using regular laundry soap and hot water (60-90°C). Clean and disinfect surfaces that people touch often.
- In addition to routine cleaning, surfaces that are frequently touched with hands should be cleaned and disinfected more often, as well as when visibly dirty. We can all do our part in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

For more information: [Canada.ca/coronavirus](https://www.canada.ca/coronavirus) 1-833-784-4397