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General Public: I work for a street sweeper organization and we are washing the streets every night and I wondered if it would be beneficial putting something in the water that would kill viruses?

I know putting bleach in the water may cause a respiratory irritant. Also I have people that are blowing off the sidewalks. Should they stop this practice? There are a lot of masks in the streets and the sidewalks.

I am not sure the masks would be a problem but I wanted to ask.

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Thank you for your inquiry to CDC-INFO. We are sorry for the delay in responding to your inquiry. A recent high volume of inquiries has delayed our response. Your request for information was forwarded to the CDC COVID-19 Community Interventions Task Force. We hope you find this reply helpful:

There are unintended consequences and extra precautions that would need to be considered if additional chemicals were added to street sweepers.

CDC is recommending indoor disinfection: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html>

People should be social distancing, staying six feet away from others, and should not be near those that are using leaf blowers.

Continue to practice everyday preventive actions like, social distancing and frequent handwashing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

Make a plan; review CDC's community guidance by setting: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/index.html>

How to clean and disinfect surfaces: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/disinfecting-your-home.html>

Information for at-risk populations: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html>

FAQs for at-risk populations: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#high-risk>

Checklist for older persons: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/retirement/checklist.html>

What to do if you or someone gets sick: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/index.html>

COVID-19 FAQs: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

Community risk and precaution: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html>

30 Days to Slow the Spread: https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf