With regard to the SARS-CoV-2 virus and COVID-19 disease, also known as Coronavirus, there are no Scantron specific cleaning requirements for Scantron equipment. For general cleaning, disinfecting, and safety, Scantron recommends following all guidelines provided by your local authorities, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and/or the World Health Organization (WHO).

For all Scantron equipment, it is recommended that you follow standard scanner maintenance information as outlined in the Scantron Operator’s Guide for the scanner model. The guide provides information on how to clean rollers, assemblies, scanner beds, etc. An approved disinfectant—Lysol, Lysol wipes, 70% alcohol solutions—can be used to clean scanner surfaces, but avoid contact with these solutions to the rollers, light sources, and glass.

Additional safety precautions include, but are not limited to:

1. Follow CDC, WHO, or local guidelines for cleaning and disinfecting surfaces
2. Wear appropriate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)
3. Turn off the device, disconnect AC power, and unplug device from the outlet before cleaning
4. Isolate paper documents for a minimum of 24 hours to allow the paper to properly acclimate to the environment
5. Exercise good handwashing techniques

Scanner forms are paper and can be damaged or deformed if they come into contact with liquids or aerosols. Damaged forms will not scan properly, or at all so DO NOT use these products on forms.

As new information becomes available, this recommendation is subject to change.