

## What's the Dirtiest Device of Them All?

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"That" time of the year is back-- soon enough (if not already!) people start getting sick, as germs and viruses run amok with immune systems everywhere. But how does one prevent microbe attack? According to Keeping it Kleen, one needs to wipe... their devices.



If one is to believe the organisation, a lot of devices are, well, filthy. And full of bacteria. Keyboards, apparently, are 5x dirtier than a toilet seat (and carry 150x the "acceptable limit for bacteria limits") while 16% of mobile phones "were found to have poop on them." Eek! Switches, microwave buttons and even door handles are also found to be germ havens.

But what's the dirtiest device in the home? You'd be surprised-- it's the humble remote. Far from being a convenience of the modern era, the TV remote is a "hotbed for contagious germs and viruses." Oh dear.

It gets even worse when away from home, since the typical hotel room remote "is considered dirtier than the toilet, sink handles, door handles and even the infamous bedspread." It makes one want to never touch anything again, ever.

Other germ-harbours including tablets, laptops, media players and game controllers.

The solution? Wiping, preferably with either clorox wipes or rubbing alcohol. And here's an opportunity-- start offering UV light cleaners to your customers. Either way, breathing on a

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device before wiping with a tissue just doesn't appear to be enough any more.

So, remember to wipe... and keep that those electronics clean!

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