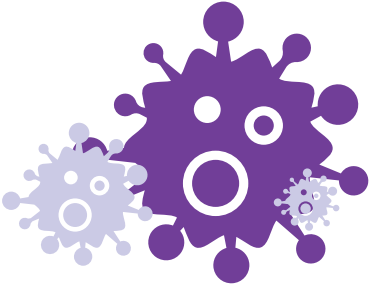


COVID-19: THE SAFETY OF CASH

HOW LONG DO VIRUSES LIVE?



FLU VIRUSES

- Hard surfaces (plastics and metals) for up to 48 hours
- Porous surfaces (paper and cloth) for 8 to 10 hours



SARS-CoV-2 (the virus responsible for COVID-19)

- Hard surfaces (plastics and metals) for up to 3 days
- Porous surfaces (paper and cloth) for 24 hours

Source: [National Institutes of Health](#)

WHAT ARE THEY MADE OF?

- US currency is 75% cotton and 25% linen
- Euro banknotes are 100% cotton fiber
- SABN is made of cotton pulp
- Canada currency is made from synthetic polymer
- British banknotes are made from a thermoplastic polymer



CASH IN USE

- Cash is used for 45%-54% of transactions in European countries with the least cash use.
- Cash accounts for 50% of payments in the US under \$10.
- Cash makes up 18%-20% of payments in Latin America.

Source: [European Payments Council](#)