

6 Tips for a safe and sustainable return to the labs

1. **DON'T** purchase excessive cleaning products or antivirals – Regular soap is effective
2. **DON'T** use hazardous waste bins unless you are 100% certain the waste is contaminated with **COVID-19**. If uncertain, consider letting the waste sit for 72 hours for decontamination
3. **DON'T** double bag waste bins, unless one has broken
4. **Waste from routine cleaning and used face coverings can be disposed of using the general waste route (black bins/bags)**
5. **Washing hands correctly is extremely effective, and avoid glove use unless absolutely necessary**
6. **DON'T** allow the tap to run when washing hands, and use elbows if possible to turn on/off water while rinsing

Reference: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/coronavirus/wp-content/uploads/sites/52/2020/04/C0611-covid-19-waste-management-guidance-sop-version-2.22-june.pdf>