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## Do You Know Where Germs Live?

Most people are not aware of where germs live. This can be problematic because cleaning for health is no longer a marketing slogan. Instead, it has become a function and goal of the entire industry.

To test your knowledge about germs and their living spaces, take the Germ Living Space Quiz below from Kaivac.

- 1. What spot in your office space is the most germ-friendly?**
  - a. Toilets
  - b. Telephones
  - c. Desks
  - d. The handle on your office chair
  
- 2. How many times more germs do women's offices have than men's?**
  - a. Three times
  - b. Five times
  - c. Studies show they are about the same
  
- 3. The item(s) with the most germs in a woman's office is:**
  - a. The telephone
  - b. The computer keyboard and mouse
  - c. Pens
  - d. The desk
  
- 4. The item with the most germs in a man's office is:**
  - a. The telephone
  - b. The computer keyboard and mouse
  - c. Pens
  - d. The desk
  
- 5. Which would you say has more germs?**
  - a. A woman's purse
  - b. A man's wallet
  
- 6. How long can a virus live on a surface, such as a desk or telephone?**
  - a. 48 hours
  - b. 72 hours
  - c. Less than an hour
  
- 7. Doorknobs typically have the most germs in an airport.**
  - a. True
  - b. False
  
- 8. Which is usually the most contaminated object in a hotel room?**

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- a. Remote control
- b. Toilet seat and handle
- c. Doorknobs within the room

**9. Of the following, which has the most germs?**

- a. The kitchen sink
- b. The bathroom sink
- c. Refrigerator handles
- d. Garbage can

**10. More than a quarter of all colds are passed by what?**

- a. Kissing
- b. Someone sneezing in close proximity
- c. Hand contact

**11. What is considered the job with the most germs in America?**

- a. Truck driver
- b. Garbage man
- c. Teacher
- d. Custodial worker

*Answers:*

1. b
2. a
3. a
4. d
5. b
6. a
7. b
8. a
9. a
10. c
11. c

*Sources:*

The answers to questions 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 (the faucet that is the dirtiest), 8 and 10 are from studies conducted by Dr. Charles Gerba, a microbiologist with the University of Arizona. The source for question 6 is the Mayo Clinic. The source for question 9 is WebMD. The source for question 11 is from studies conducted by the Clorox company.

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