



Data Centre, Data Room, Comms Room cleaning, Post coronavirus cleaning.

As we hopefully, slowly return to work and to some form of normal. Data Centre management teams will inevitably start thinking of cleaning their critical environments. Over the last year and fuelled by the pandemic, new anti-viral chemicals have arrived on the market. Indeed anyone who has been working during this period, may have wipes to wipe their workspace prior to starting work etc. Whilst this may be good practice in an office environment. It may not be wise to use these products in a data hall. The reason for this is not that these products are bad, but the chemical used within the product may not be suitable for use in a data hall. Example: I have noted lots of the spray/coating products contain Chlorine. Chlorine causes copper to corrode, your servers are full of copper. Increasing the level of Chlorine in a data hall could lead to copper creep and short circuiting on the PCB. Other products contain ammonia, which corrodes copper, silver and zinc. Alcohol should also not be used in a data hall environment.

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