



# COVID-19 AND CHILD RESTRAINT SAFETY

As caregivers our number one strategy during the COVID-19 pandemic is to clean and sanitize **EVERYTHING**. But... Caregivers need to remember the chemicals in their cleaning and sanitizing supplies might break down their child restraint's (car safety seats or booster seats) materials and safety integrity.

If you use a washer and dryer machine to clean the car seat or booster seat padding it may alter the function of the child safety restraint. For example: The child restraint padding may not fit on the car seat or booster seat correctly. Some child restraint manufactures only allow spot-cleaning for the hardware and padding. Best Practice is for caregivers is to ALWAYS follow the car seat/booster seat's instruction manual for cleaning the car seat or booster seat.

+ If you do not have the child restraint's instruction manual please contact the manufacturer for cleaning and sanitizing questions or concerns. Most child restraint manufactures provide instruction manuals that can be downloaded for print or mobile use.

## SEAT BELTS

Same rules apply here! Review your vehicle manual to review how to properly clean and sanitize your safety seat belts. If you do not have your owner's manual please contact the vehicle manufacture for cleaning instructions. Some manufactures have owner manuals online that can be download or accessible by the manufactures mobile app!

Please remember to clean your car seats, booster seats, and seat belts with instructions outlined by the manufactures instructions.  
**Stay healthy and safe!**

