

Persistence of clinically relevant bacteria on dry inanimate surfaces.

Type of bacterium	Duration of persistence (range)	Reference(s)
<i>Acinetobacter</i> spp.	3 days to 5 months	[18, 25, 28, 29, 87, 88]
<i>Bordetella pertussis</i>	3 – 5 days	[89, 90]
<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>	up to 6 days	[91]
<i>Clostridium difficile</i> (spores)	5 months	[92–94]
<i>Chlamydia pneumoniae</i> , <i>C. trachomatis</i>	≤ 30 hours	[14, 95]
<i>Chlamydia psittaci</i>	15 days	[90]
<i>Corynebacterium diphtheriae</i>	7 days – 6 months	[90, 96]
<i>Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis</i>	1–8 days	[21]
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	1.5 hours – 16 months	[12, 16, 17, 22, 28, 52, 90, 97–99]
<i>Enterococcus</i> spp. including VRE and VSE	5 days – 4 months	[9, 26, 28, 100, 101]
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	12 days	[90]
<i>Helicobacter pylori</i>	≤ 90 minutes	[23]
<i>Klebsiella</i> spp.	2 hours to > 30 months	[12, 16, 28, 52, 90]
<i>Listeria</i> spp.	1 day – months	[15, 90, 102]
<i>Mycobacterium bovis</i>	> 2 months	[13, 90]
<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>	1 day – 4 months	[30, 90]
<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>	1 – 3 days	[24, 27, 90]
<i>Proteus vulgaris</i>	1 – 2 days	[90]
<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	6 hours – 16 months; on dry floor: 5 weeks	[12, 16, 28, 52, 99, 103, 104]
<i>Salmonella typhi</i>	6 hours – 4 weeks	[90]
<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i>	10 days – 4.2 years	[15, 90, 105]
<i>Salmonella</i> spp.	1 day	[52]
<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	3 days – 2 months; on dry floor: 5 weeks	[12, 90]
<i>Shigella</i> spp.	2 days – 5 months	[90, 106, 107]
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , including MRSA	7 days – 7 months	[9, 10, 16, 52, 99, 108]
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	1 – 20 days	[90]
<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>	3 days – 6.5 months	[90]
<i>Vibrio cholerae</i>	1 – 7 days	[90, 109]

