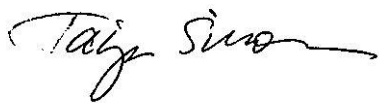


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To whom it may concern

COVID-19 is a novel infectious disease caused by SARS-coronavirus-2. The disease spreads from person to person through contaminated respiratory droplets or aerosols in close contact. Animal sources of SARS-CoV-2 are rare, but possible, and include mink. Human coronaviruses persist on surfaces for hours depending on the environmental conditions and the surface material, the persistence being poor in warm and dry conditions. SARS-CoV-2 persists in air for at least three hours. Based on the accumulated data and the processes used for production of fur, furs themselves are not a source of SARS-CoV-2 infections. Surface contamination of the furs by an infected person might occur as for any other piece of clothing or surface.



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