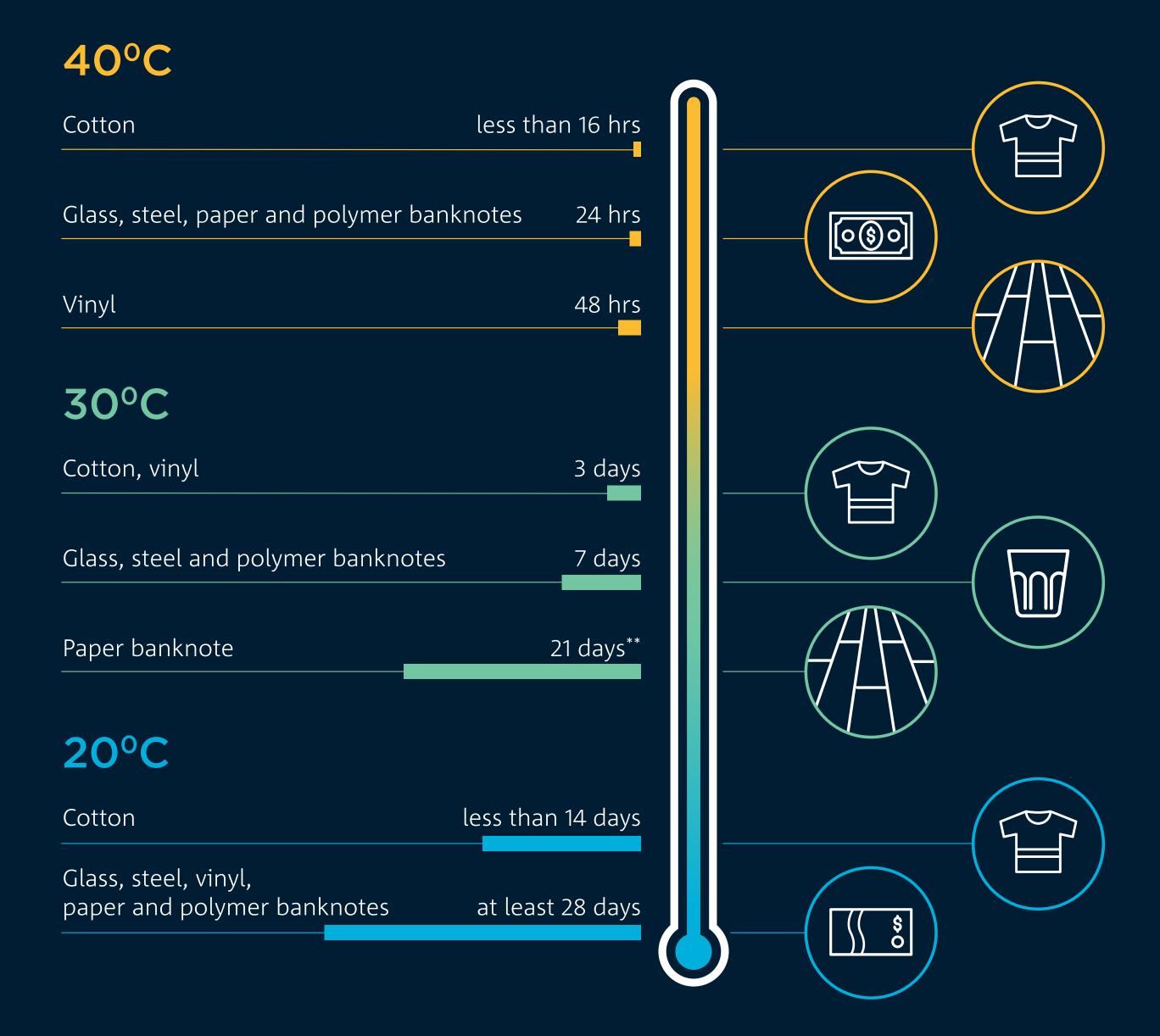


How long does SARS-CoV-2 last?

SARS-CoV-2 virus, which causes the COVID-19 disease, needs a living host to survive and thrive in. A CSIRO study looked at how long the virus remained infectious* on six common surfaces.



These results have been obtained under laboratory conditions with no exposure to ultraviolet light and humidity controlled at 50%.

^{*} A 10µL droplet of liquid containing SARS-CoV-2 was placed on multiple small test surfaces and left for up to 28 days. The virus was recovered and placed in tissue culture cells to observe if any infectious virus remained.

^{**} A single well of virus was recovered on days 14 and 21, 99% of the virus was not infectious by day 7.