

Hand Sanitizers and H1N1 Flu Claims

We are receiving many questions concerning our hand sanitizers and their effectiveness against the H1N1 Flu. This Fact Sheet is designed to help you understand this topic better.

All Hand Sanitizers are registered with the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) as “Anti-Bacterial” products. This includes all alcohol and non-alcohol based hand sanitizers, such as our Sani-Foam Non-Alcohol Hand Sanitizer and Alco-Cept Foaming Alcohol Hand Sanitizer.

Common bacteria that these hand sanitizers are effective for include: *Campylobacter jejuni*, *Candida albicans*, *Enterococcus faecalis*, Vancomycin Resistant (VRE), *Escherichia coli*, *Escherichia coli* O157:H7, *Klebsiella pneumoniae*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Salmonella choleraesuis* serotype enteritidis, *Salmonella choleraesuis*, *Salmonella choleraesuis*, *Salmonella typhi*, *Shigella dysenteriae*, *Shigella flexneri*, *Shigella sonnei*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Staphylococcus aureus* Methicillin Resistant (MRSA), *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Vibrio cholera*, *Xanthomonas axonopodis* (Citrus Canker), and *Yersinia enterocolitica*.

The H1N1 Flu or Influenza A is a virus; not a bacteria. This is why our specification sheet for the Sani-Foam has claims for only bacteria and no virus's, such as Influenza A, H1N1, HIV-1 etc. For a hand sanitizer to have claims for the H1N1 flu or Influenza A, they would need to be registered with the FDA as an “Anti-Viral” product. The process for getting a product listed as an Anti-Viral product would be the same process as it does for getting a new drug approved through the FDA. Estimates for this would be approximately \$2,000,000 and 5 years time to get the needed FDA approval to be “Anti-Viral”. Because of this, there are no hand sanitizers with the claims to kill H1N1 flu or the Influenza A. The alcohol based hand sanitizers do not have any advantage over the non-alcohol hand sanitizers in terms of claims for the H1N1 Flu.

There are reports of companies that are making H1N1 Flu claims on their hand sanitizer products, but this is currently illegal. The FDA is cracking down on these claims and is taking legal action against these companies.

Please do not confuse the above hand sanitizer's rules with our disinfectant cleaners, such as: Century Q 256, Ful-Trole 64 or Microcide TB. These products (registered as hard surface disinfectants by the EPA) do have claims for the Influenza A virus. The EPA has stated that any product that has a claim for the Influenza A virus should be considered effective for the H1N1 Flu. I am expecting to be receiving label updates on these 3 products which will include the H1N1 Flu virus in the near future. The EPA is working quickly to get these labels approved, but the process is slow.

Please check our website, www.multi-clean.com for the latest information on the H1N1 Flu, especially concerning schools and daycares. If you have any questions concerning the H1N1 Flu, please contact Multi-Clean and ask for Technical Service.

Good Luck (and wash your hands!)

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