

# Reminders for Using Disinfectants at Schools and Child Care Programs

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many California schools and child care programs have made it a priority to disinfect high-touch surfaces.

## How to use disinfectants properly:

- Never allow students to use disinfectants or touch the applied product. Keep all disinfectants out of the reach of students.
- Use only EPA-registered disinfectants. Locate the EPA registration number on the product label and follow all label directions. Hand sanitizing products cannot be used to disinfect surfaces.
- Keep the surface wet for the required contact time. The contact time, specific to each product, is how long a surface must remain wet in order to be disinfected. If using disinfectant wipes, multiple wipes may be required.

Disinfectants are pesticides and must be used according to the label.



### Disinfecting Wipes

**Kills 99.9% of germs  
Kills bacteria and viruses**

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN  
**CAUTION**

#### Directions for use:

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.

To disinfect: \_\_\_\_\_

To sanitize: \_\_\_\_\_

Active ingredient(s):  
XXXXX.....xx.xx%

EPA Reg. No. xxx-xxxx

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#### PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

Environmental Hazards  
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Physical or Chemical Hazards  
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#### STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

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## For more information on how to use disinfectants properly:

- *Disinfectants & Surface Sanitizers FAQ*  
[https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/schoolipm/training/disinfectants\\_sanitizers\\_faq.pdf](https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/schoolipm/training/disinfectants_sanitizers_faq.pdf)
- *The Differences Between Antimicrobial Pesticides And General Purpose Cleaners*  
[https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/schoolipm/school\\_ipm\\_law/differences\\_antimicrobial\\_gpc.pdf](https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/schoolipm/school_ipm_law/differences_antimicrobial_gpc.pdf)
- *Step-by-Step Disinfecting Poster*  
[https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/schoolipm/training/step-by-step\\_disinfecting\\_for\\_child\\_care\\_providers.pdf](https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/schoolipm/training/step-by-step_disinfecting_for_child_care_providers.pdf)

**DON'T FORGET**

Under the Healthy Schools Act, DPR provides **online training** on how to use disinfectants.  
<https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/schoolipm/>



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