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“Common Household Cleaners Effective Against Flu Virus”

The Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department, as a part of the Influenza A H1N1 flu outbreak, has received information from the Environmental Protection Agency offering advice about common household products that can be used to disinfect hard, non-porous surfaces that might be contaminated with the flu virus.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) registers pesticide products, including disinfectants. As part of the registration process, EPA evaluates the product efficacy to make sure the public health label claims are correct. Currently, over 500 disinfectant products are registered for use on hard, non-porous surfaces against influenza A viruses. The EPA believes, based on available scientific information, that the currently registered influenza A virus products will be effective against the 2009-H1N1 flu strain and other influenza A virus strains on hard, non-porous surfaces. Some of these products are listed below. The remaining list of 500 products can be found on the EPA’s website at <http://www.epa.gov/oppad001/influenza-disinfectants.html>. This is not a complete list since some products may have different distributor or product names and may not be referenced. The EPA will continue to update this list as more information becomes available. Approved products specifically have label information which states they provide effectiveness against “Influenza A virus.”

For safe and effective use of these products, always follow label instructions for these products, paying special attention to the product’s dilution rate (if applicable) and contact time. These registered disinfectant products are for use on hard, non-porous surfaces, such as door knobs,

handles, tables, floors, etc. EPA emphasizes that these products are not to be used on the skin or to be taken orally

You should choose a product whose label states that it is effective against "Influenza A virus" and lists your specific site of concern, such as: farm premises, hospitals and other healthcare facilities, schools, offices or homes.

As the Centers for Disease Control stresses, your first line of defense is to thoroughly wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol-based cleaner. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

More information about the Influenza A H1N1 virus can be found at the CDC's website <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>; the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) website <http://www.odh.ohio.gov>; or by visiting our website at www.richlandhealth.org.

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See Attachment

Common Household Cleaners on the EPA's list of cleaners that can be used to disinfect against the flu virus. For others not on this list please visit the EPA's website at

<http://www.epa.gov/oppad001/influenza-disinfectants.html>:

Clorox

Clorox 409-P

Clorox 409-R

Clorox Disinfecting Spray III

Clorox Everest

Clorox RTU-C

Comet Disinfecting Bathroom Cleaner

Fresh Scent Clorox

H2Orange2 120 Ready to Use

H2Orange 2 Concentrate 118

H2Orange2 Super Concentrate 112

Johnson's Blue Chip Germicidal

Johnson's End-Bac Liquid Disinfectant

Johnson's Forward Cleaner

Lysol Brand Deodorizing Disinfectant Cleaner

Lysol Brand Disinfectant Basin, Tub, & Tile Cleaner pre-Moistened Wipe

Lysol Brand Disinfectant Bathroom Cleaner for Basin Tub & Tile

Lysol Brand Disinfectant Bleach Plus

Lysol Brand Disinfectant Concentrate

Lysol Brand Disinfectant Direct Multi-Purpose Cleaner

Lysol Brand Disinfectant Foam Power Heavy Duty Bathroom Cleaner

Lysol Brand Disinfectant Multi-Purpose Cleaner

Lysol Brand Disinfectant Pine Scent Basin Tub & Tile Cleaner

Lysol Brand Disinfectant S. A. Cleaner
Lysol Brand Disinfectant Trigger Spray
Lysol Brand Foaming Disinfectant Basin Tub & Tile Cleaner II
Lysol Brand Hard Water Stain Cleaner
Lysol Brand Heavy Duty Cleaner Disinfectant Concentrate
Lysol Brand Pre-Moistened Touch-Ups Disinfecting Cleaning Wipes
Magic Guard Cleaner/Disinfectant
Mr. Clean Multi-Surfaces Antibacterial
Pine-Sol Household Cleaner Disinfectant
Pine-Sol Spray 19054
Sani-Cloth Germicidal Wipes
Sani-Cloth Germicidal Disposable Cloth
Sani-Cloth Plus Germicidal Disposable Cloth
SOWHITE Brand Ultra Bleach and Disinfectant
Spruce-Ups
Tackle
Ultra Clorox Brand Regular Bleach
Ultra Clorox Brand Fresh Scent Bleach
Ultra Clorox Brand 6.15% Bleach
Ultra Clorox Bleach Formula C
Ultra Mr. Clean
Windex Antibacterial Glass & Surface Cleaner
X-14 Mildew Stain Remover