

New CDC info on Non Alcohol Hand Sanitizers

The issue of what is effective against H1N1 continues to be a source of confusion for many of our accounts. As discussed previously due to FDA restrictions no one is publishing any H1N1 efficacy claims. This reduces the discussion to “What does the CDC recommend”. Traditionally the CDC has only recommended alcohol based hand sanitizers, however, there has been a slight change on their website that opens the door for Non alcohol sanitizers. If you go to the CDC web page referenced below you will see a mention of “hand sanitizers that do NOT contain alcohol”. This can be helpful in promoting our Non alcohol hand sanitizers.

If you look at the CDC website there is what I believe is new information on non-alcohol-based hand cleaners. See below.

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/qa.htm#antibacterial>

Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners* are also effective.

Look at the paragraph on the CDC website as listed below:

***What if soap and water are not available and alcohol-based products are not allowed in my facility?**

Though the scientific evidence is not as extensive as that on hand washing and alcohol-based sanitizers, **other hand sanitizers that do not contain alcohol may be useful for killing flu germs on hands.**