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The Best Protection Against Swine Flu – A Complete Approach.

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Dear Customers,

The following information has been relayed to us by our EPA consultant.

"EPA registers pesticide products, including disinfectants. Currently, over 500 disinfectant products are registered for use on hard, non-porous surfaces against influenza A viruses. 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. For safe and effective use of these products, always follow the label instructions, paying special attention to the product's dilution rate (if applicable) and contact time.

As the CDC stresses, your first line of defense is to wash your hands frequently with soap and water. These registered disinfectant products are for use on hard, non-porous surfaces, not the skin."

Now that the EPA has given clear guidance that "registered influenza A virus products will be effective against the 2009-H1N1 flu strain and other influenza A virus strains" we are comfortable notifying you that the following EnviroX products are registered to be effective against Influenza A virus.

- Concentrate 118
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- Critical Care
- Dish San
- H₂Orange₂ One

What Else Can You Do?

When a flu virus spreads through a population there are only a few ways to truly fight it; correct cleaning practices, proper hygiene (hand washing) and a strong immune system.

It is often people's first response to overuse disinfectants. This can be counter-productive since disinfectants are often improperly used and most are known to have higher toxicity for humans. The CDC's statement to health care infection control practitioners is that "Routine cleaning and disinfection strategies used during influenza seasons can be applied to the environmental management of swine influenza."

www.cdc.gov/swineflu/guidelines_infection_control.htm

Our best defense against disease is a strong immune system. This fact brings the necessity of lower toxicity cleaning chemicals into full focus. Daily exposure to chemicals with higher toxicity overburdens the body and weakens the immune system, making it more difficult to fight off viral infections.

This is especially important for the people cleaning. Custodial workers and Contract Cleaners face a greater risk, especially if their immune systems are being constantly weakened by higher toxicity cleaning chemicals. Children and the elderly are also more susceptible and should only be exposed to higher toxicity chemicals when absolutely necessary.

The best cleaning approach is to get back to basics. Clean well and often with low toxicity cleaning chemicals, preferably those with sanitizer and virucidal claims. Cleaning will physically remove virtually all viruses from any hard surface. Then, use your disinfectant on all pre-cleaned disease transfer points such as doorknobs and faucet handles.

More Tips for Staying Healthy

Outbreaks of viruses like the swine flu remind us that we cannot clean our way out of disease. Getting rid of disease takes a complete approach that not only works to remove disease-causing pathogens from surfaces, but also educates people on how to keep their immune systems strong and capable of fighting disease when exposed.

Additionally, a healthy workforce is important to all of us. Here are some important tips to share with your employees that can help keep them healthy:

- Get plenty of rest – hard to do with the demands of modern life, but 7 to 8 hours of sleep on a regular basis will do wonders for your immune system
 - o Avoid working your people on double shifts – exhaustion will open them up to infection
 - o Send workers home at first signs of being sick – the occasional worker taking advantage of this is less costly than 50% of your work force coming down with the flu!
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly
- Stay physically active – exercise heats up your body and blood acting as a sort of cleansing process, flushing out harmful pathogens
- Drink plenty of fluids at all times, not just when sick
- Eat nutritious food
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick



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Following is a link to the Centers for Disease Control that contains general information as well as steps to take in the event of a case of the swine flu:

<http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>

Additional related links are available at www.EnvirOxClean.com. As always, if you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact EnvirOx customer service at 800-281-9604.

Sincerely,
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