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ATTN: School districts, local government agencies, hospitality industry and anyone providing or contracting janitorial services

SUBJECT: Sanitizers claiming to kill viruses are required to be registered with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

The [Nevada Department of Agriculture](#) (NDA) urges businesses, schools, government agencies and nonprofit organizations to exercise caution when purchasing or providing janitorial or industrial sanitation services. Products that claim to kill all viruses, including SARS-CoV-2, the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19, **must** be registered with [the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#) and [NDA](#) before they can be sold in Nevada.

Any business, school, organization or government agency providing or contracting janitorial services is encouraged to verify that products claiming to kill SARS-CoV-2 are registered on the [EPA list](#) before such products are used.

Though the NDA does not license companies or individuals who perform sanitizing services, NDA staff are active in investigating complaints that involve violations to any EPA-registered product. The EPA registration is the responsibility of the disinfectant manufacturer, but if noncompliant products are found in a retail environment inspected by the NDA, they will need to be removed from shelves.

So far, NDA staff have helped EPA investigate four companies manufacturing products that make false claims, and those investigations are still under review. In early March, EPA released an initial [list of disinfectants that, when used according to the label, will kill SARS-CoV-2](#). The EPA list began with 85 products and now includes more than 500 surface disinfectants. The list is updated weekly, is searchable, and includes helpful tips on how to use disinfectants properly.

While sanitizers are considered pesticides, the NDA pesticide licensing requirements do not apply to companies or individuals that perform domestic or industrial sanitation. This includes the use of EPA registered sanitizers or disinfectants, or services for the control of mold or other fungus detrimental to human health. NDA recommends businesses check with their local or county health department for any additional licensing requirements on domestic or industrial sanitation services that may be required.

Thank you,

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