WHAT IS CORONAVIRUS?

The coronavirus outbreak, first identified in the City of Wuhan, China with many thousands infected and more than 100 deaths, is a new coronavirus labelled 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

While the vast majority of cases are centred in Wuhan, infections have also been found in Canada, the United States and many other countries around the world.¹

News reports have just indicated that person-to-person transmission of 2019-nCoV has been confirmed.²

The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the 2019-nCoV outbreak an international public health emergency.⁷

MINIMIZE TRANSMISSION

Patients with suspected or confirmed with 2019-nCoV infection should be cared for while using Isolation Precautions to minimize the potential transmission of the disease.

This includes contact precautions and droplet precautions or in the case of procedures that can cause aerosolization, droplet precautions are replaced with airborne precautions.

The use of gloves, eye protection (goggles or face shield), gowns, the correct respiratory protection, cleaning and disinfection and frequent hand hygiene are also important to block the route of transmission.³

HAND WASHING

Proper and frequent hand hygiene (5 Moments of Hand Hygiene)⁴ includes hand washing with hand soaps such as our institutional bulk hand soaps (such as CORALINE, SINCERELY, ESSENTIAL SOFT N TUFF, VERT-2-GO HAND SOAP, etc.) and Gojo cartridge soaps.

Hand sanitizing with an alcohol-based hand rub³ such as Purell Advanced Hand Sanitizer (when hands are visibly free from soil) is also an important part of hand hygiene efforts.

The WHO is monitoring the situation and assisting countries around the world with information to control the spread of this virus. Please visit “https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports/” for information updates and the pandemic status of 2019-nCoV.
VERT-2-GO SABER

As the identification of 2019-nCoV is very recent, it is unlikely that any hard surface disinfectants today include this virus on the label claim. CDC has recommended in the past that for another coronavirus threat (MERS-CoV), disinfectants with a coronavirus claim would be suitable for disinfecting environmental surfaces. VERT-2-GO SABER has a specific coronavirus label claim and a general virucidal claim. VERT-2-GO SABER is a natural choice for hard surface disinfectant when coronavirus disinfection is a concern.

HOME CARE GUIDELINES

There may come a time where there needs to be care at home for individuals with suspected or confirmed 2019-nCoV infections. The CDC has offered guidelines for homecare to help control the spread of infection and mirrors the types of processes that are used in healthcare.

SUMMARY

Based on the information available on January 30, 2020, VERT-2-GO SABER disinfectant, Wood Wyant hand hygiene products, PURELL ADVANCED HAND SANITIZER and other supportive care products like facial tissue and masks are useful in controlling the spread of 2019-nCoV along with rapid identification and correct isolation precautions.

The healthcare community’s knowledge of 2019-nCoV is not yet complete and it is changing over time. “News and updates can be found by visiting CDC and WHO links provided in this document. Information can also be found at https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html.

This document will be updated if a major development in the prevention and control of 2019-nCoV is announced by Health Authorities.

PRODUCT INFORMATION

HAND HYGIENE

- Essential Soft ‘N’Tuff (131-2320-04)
- Coraline (13-12310-04)
- Sincerely (13-12355-04)
- Vert-2-Go Hand Soap (13-12360-04)
- Vert-2-Go Foam Hand Soap (13-12365-04)
- Purell Advanced Hand Sanitizer (341 ml desktop 90-3770-12)
- Purell Advanced Hand Sanitizer (available also in multiple cartridge dispenser formats in gel and foam version)

DISINFECTANT

- Vert-2-Go Saber (1 L RTU 09-12410-11)
- Vert-2-Go Saber (1 L 09-12400-11)
- Vert-2-Go Saber (3 L 09-12400P-03)
- Vert-2-Go Saber (4 L 09-12400-04)
- Vert-2-Go Saber (150 disposable wipes 09-12411-90)
- Vert-2-Go Saber (50 disposable wipes 09-12411-25)

FACIAL TISSUE

- Envirolec Tissues (100 2-ply count - Case of 30 boxes 63-404404)

MASKS

- High Fluid Resistant Procedure Mask 3M (50 count 53-1840)
- Particulate Respirator 8210 NIOSH Approved N95 Efficient 3M (50 Count 53-8210)
- Whisperlite N95 Particulate Respirator Latex Free NIOSH Approved Superior Glove Works Ltd. (20 count 53-FMN95-PK)

* Note that N95 respirators must be correctly sized to the wearer and users must have fit test training to ensure the respirator is correctly worn in order to provide respiratory protection to the wearer.

References:


