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DATE: January 29, 2020
TO: GOJO Customers
SUBJECT: Update on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, Wuhan, China

This letter is an update to the letter published on 1/23/20. The paragraph on PURELL® Surface Disinfectants has been updated based on the latest EPA guidance.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is reporting that they are closely monitoring an outbreak caused by a novel (new) coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Chinese authorities identified the new coronavirus, which has resulted in thousands of confirmed cases in China, including cases outside Wuhan, with additional cases being identified in a growing number of countries internationally. There have been five confirmed cases in the United States since January 21, 2020.

Human coronaviruses are most commonly spread from someone infected to other people (person-to-person).* Previously identified coronaviruses include SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV. According to the CDC, many of the characteristics of this novel coronavirus and how it may affect people are still unclear, but one of the ways in which human coronavirus is most commonly spread is by touching surfaces with the virus on it and then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands.

Common signs and symptoms of this illness include fever, cough, and difficulty breathing, which can sometimes lead to death. The elderly and those with underlying health problems or compromised immune systems are considered most at risk. The CDC provides additional information on Symptoms and Diagnosis, Transmission, Prevention and Treatment on their website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/about/index.html.

To prevent the spread of the human coronavirus, common high-touch surfaces, like doorknobs, light switches, tabletops, and phones should be disinfected using an EPA-registered product with coronavirus claims. PURELL® Surface Disinfectants have demonstrated effectiveness in 30 seconds against human coronavirus strain 229E.

We've received updated guidance from the EPA regarding claims against emerging pathogens. The EPA recognizes the new, novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), Wuhan strain as an emerging viral pathogen, which has triggered their emerging viral pathogen guidance. EPA products previously approved with the emerging viral pathogen claim can now proactively claim efficacy against the new, novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) when used according to label directions with the longest viral kill time. Therefore, PURELL® Surface Disinfectants are effective against the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) when used in accordance with the directions for use and a 1-minute contact time on hard, nonporous surfaces.

The situation continues to evolve and is being monitored closely by public health authorities, including the CDC and World Health Organization. We will continue to keep you updated as more information becomes available.

Please call GOJO Customer Service at 1-800-321-9647 with any questions. For specific technical questions, ask for extension 8400.

Stay Well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Macinga".

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*Reference: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/about/transmission.html>