

CHECKLIST FOR CHOOSING A DISINFECTANT OTHER THAN BLEACH

A product must have criteria check-marked in the column for each intended use.

Check label or manufacturer's instructions for the following criteria	Intended Use of Disinfectant/Sanitizer			Rationale
	Blood clean-up	Mouthed objects/food contact surfaces	Diaper area/ non-food areas	
1. EPA-registered (Environmental Protection Agency) ⁺	√	√	√	The EPA assigns a registration number once the product and its claims are approved.
2. Effective against <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Salmonella enterica</i> , <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (low level hospital disinfectant)	√	√	√	Requirement for minimum disinfection standards.
3. Effective against HIV and hepatitis B virus	√ *			Requirement of OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard.*
4. Tuberculocidal or effective against <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> (intermediate level hospital disinfectant)	√*			Requirement of OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard.*
5. Effective with a 10 minute or less contact time		√	√	Anything longer would not be usable in the childcare or school setting.
6. Safe to use on food surfaces		√		Requirement of the MN Food Code.
7. Clearly labeled with directions for mixing and use		√	√	For ease of use and to avoid improper mixing of solution.

⁺ Find the "EPA reg" number on the product label. Go to <http://iaspub.epa.gov/apex/pesticides/f?p=PPLS:1> and enter the number into the "EPA Regulation #" field. Click on the most updated report for product specifications.

* Either criteria 3 or 4 will meet the requirement of OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard. The standard can be found at: http://www.osha.gov/OshDoc/data_BloodborneFacts/bbfact01.pdf

