
PLYMOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

On June 19th, 2020 the FDA recently issued a warning about certain brands of hand sanitizer containing toxic chemicals.

The Food and Drug Administration is warning people not to use any hand sanitizer manufactured by Eskbiochem SA de CV in Mexico because it could contain methanol, a substance that can be toxic when absorbed through the skin or ingested. *All hand sanitizer sourced from the state cache and supply is safe and is NOT part of this list. Please check your stock if you have sourced hand sanitizer from an outside vendor.

- All-Clean Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-002-01)
- Esk Biochem Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-007-01)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 75% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-008-04)
- Lavar 70 Gel Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-006-01)
- The Good Gel Antibacterial Gel Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-010-10)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 80% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-005-03)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 75% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-009-01)
- CleanCare NoGerm Advanced Hand Sanitizer 80% Alcohol (NDC: 74589-003-01)
- Saniderm Advanced Hand Sanitizer (NDC: 74589-001-01)

The FDA tested samples of Lavar Gel and CleanCare No Germ. Lavar Gel contains 81% methanol and CleanCare No Germ contains 28% methanol. **Methanol is not an acceptable ingredient for hand sanitizers and should not be used**, the FDA says. Substantial methanol exposure can result in nausea, vomiting, headache, blurred vision, permanent blindness, seizures, coma, permanent damage to the nervous system or death. If you have been exposed to hand sanitizer containing methanol, you should seek immediate treatment, which is critical in an attempt to reverse the toxic effects of methanol poisoning. <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-advises-consumers-not-use-hand-sanitizer-products-manufactured-eskbiochem>.