**Advisory:**
- Safe Hand-Sanitizers for Disinfecting Bare Skin
- **FDA Warning** on Potentially Toxic and Ineffective Hand-Sanitizers

**Applies to:** Health & Safety Guidelines for In-Premise and Customer-Facing Energy Efficiency Audits and Upgrades
- Residential (1-4 Units) Buildings
- Commercial & Industrial Buildings
- Multifamily Buildings (5+ Units)

**Description:** The current requirements for Level 2, Level 3, and Alternate Level 3 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) include using a disinfectant (spray or wipe) on clothing and bare skin if clean clothing or coveralls are not put on when entering a living space or occupied space from a work area. (See Work Clothing Options Advisory in the Energy Efficiency Health & Safety Guidance Folder.)

The list of EPA-registered disinfectants [List N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)] states: These products are for use on surfaces, NOT humans. This Advisory clarifies which types of products may be used on clothing and bare skin.

EPA-registered sprays or wipes designed for surfaces can be used to lightly treat clothing or shoes/boots. They should not be used on hands, arms, or near one’s face.

On bare skin, any approved hand-sanitizer may be used, as long as it contains either 60% ethyl alcohol or 70% isopropyl alcohol. However, please see the FDA warning below.

**FDA Warning:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a warning to consumers that certain hand-sanitizers have been found to contain methyl alcohol, which can be toxic when absorbed through the skin. The FDA has also discovered that some hand-sanitizers contain insufficient amounts of the recommended alcohols (ethyl alcohol or isopropyl alcohol) to be effective.

Please check the FDA list of hand-sanitizer products considered unsafe or ineffective at: FDA urges consumers not use certain hand sanitizer products to determine if your hand-sanitizer is acceptable for disinfecting hands and other bare skin.