

## **Recently the FDA has prohibited hand sanitizer manufacturers from making viral reduction claims!**

The 2019 Novel Coronavirus, or COVID-19, is a new respiratory virus first identified in 2019. Analysis of the genetic tree of COVID-19 is ongoing. Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, some causing illness in people and others that circulate among animals. SARS and MERS are other coronaviruses that emerged to infect people through animals. Current symptoms reported for patients with COVID-19 have included mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough, and difficulty breathing.

The CDC recommends a strict regimen of frequent hand washing or frequent use of hand sanitizer as often as possible to help prevent the spread of contagions like germs and viruses. If frequent use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers has caused problems or concerns, consider safeHands as a viable alternative.

For further information regarding 2019-nCov (COVID-19) and the use of hand sanitizers please follow this link: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/information-drug-class/qa-consumers-hand-sanitizers-and-covid-19>.