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DRUG SAFETY NOTIFICATION



DATE: July 2, 2020

PRODUCT: Hand Sanitizer

SAFETY TOPIC: FDA Updates
on Hand Sanitizers with
Methanol

Dear provider of pharmaceutical services,

PharmPix is committed to the health and wellness of our members. The clinical team wants to communicate you with the latest up-to-date information on drug safety. It is for this reason that we are notifying you that the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) published a safety communication warning that they have seen a sharp increase in hand sanitizer products that are labeled to contain ethanol (also known as ethyl alcohol) but that have tested positive for methanol contamination. Methanol can be toxic when absorbed through the skin or ingested and can be life-threatening when ingested.

Please visit the FDA's website to review the updated [list of hand sanitizer products with methanol](#).

Recommendations for healthcare professionals:

- Advise patients regarding this issue.
- The FDA advises consumers not to use hand sanitizers from these companies, or products with these names or NDC numbers.
- Report adverse events or side effects at [MedWatch: The FDA Safety Information and Adverse Event Reporting Program](#) by any of the following ways:
 - Complete and submit the [MedWatch Online Voluntary Reporting Form](#) online.



- [Download](#) FDA Form 3500 or call 1-800-332-1088 to request a reporting form, then complete and return to the address on the pre-addressed form or submit by fax to 1-800-FDA-0178.

Additional information can be found at: [FDA's Drug Safety and Availability portal](#).

If you have any questions or wish to have more information regarding this document, you can call us at 787-522-5252, extension 137. In addition, know that you can access our recent communications at our providers' portal: <https://www.pharmpix.com/providers/>.

Regards,

PharmPix Clinical Department

Reference:

- FDA Updates on Hand Sanitizers with Methanol. U.S. Food and Drug Administration. (2020). Retrieved 9 July 2020, from <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-hand-sanitizers-methanol#products>.