



Solvay receives approval to use PROXITANE® AHC against COVID-19

Houston, TX, April 24, 2020 --- Solvay's PROXITANE® AHC has been granted approval for use against SARS-CoV-2 – the virus strain that causes COVID-19 – by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It has been added to the list of disinfectants for use against SARS-CoV-2 ([List N](#)) under EPA Registration Number 68660-11.

PROXITANE® AHC is a concentrated liquid disinfectant, composed of peracetic acid and hydrogen peroxide, effective against a broad range of bacteria, viruses, and fungi including *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Salmonella enterica*, *Trichophyton mentagrophytes*, *Vesicular Stomatitis Virus*, *Porcine Respiratory and Reproductive Syndrome Virus*, *Influenza A Virus*, *Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis Virus*, *Rhinovirus Type 37*, *Infectious Bursal Disease Virus*, *Newcastle Disease Virus*, and *Avian Influenza Virus (H3N2)*.

COVID-19 is caused by SARS-CoV-2. Proxitane® AHC kills similar viruses and therefore can be used against SARS-CoV-2 when used in accordance with the directions for use against Rhinovirus Type 37 on hard, non-porous surfaces.

According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), the COVID-19 virus spreads primarily from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth which are expelled into the air when an infected person sneezes, coughs or speaks. Research has shown that similar respiratory viruses can remain active on surfaces for a number of days. People can be infected if they touch these contaminated surfaces and then touch their mouth, nose or eyes. Although it is not certain how long the novel coronavirus can survive on a surface, one study done in a hospital found that similar coronaviruses can persist on hard surfaces such as glass, metal or plastic for up to 9 days ([Journal of Hospital Infection 2020, DOI:10.1016/j.jhin.2020.01.022](#)).

PROXITANE® AHC has been specially formulated with a detergent for excellent cleaning and contact with surfaces spanning plastic, stainless steel, linoleum, vinyl, glazed porcelain, and glass.



PROXITANE® AHC breaks down to vinegar and water. Peracetic acid and hydrogen peroxide, the primary ingredient in PROXITANE® AHC, are included on the EPA safer choice chemical list <https://www.epa.gov/saferchoice>.

EPA approval (Reg. No. 68660-11) can be found [here](#). Please contact Todd Wilson (todd.wilson@solvay.com) or your local account manager for additional information.

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