

Checklist for Choosing a Disinfectant Other Than Bleach

A product must have criteria check-marked in the column for each intended use.

Check label or manufacturer's instructions for the following criteria	Intended Use of Disinfectant/Sanitizer			Rationale
	Blood Clean-Up	Mouthed Objects/Food Contact Surfaces	Diaper Area/ Non-Food Areas	
1. EPA-registered (Environmental Protection Agency)	✓	✓	✓	The EPA assigns a registration number once the product and its claims are approved.
2. Effective against <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , <i>Salmonella choleraesuis</i> , <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> (Low-level hospital disinfectant)	✓	✓	✓	Requirement for minimum disinfection standards.
3. Effective against HIV and Hepatitis B virus	✓*			Requirement of OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard.*
4. Tuberculocidal or effective against <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> (Intermediate-level hospital disinfectant)	✓*			Requirement of OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard.*
5. Effective with a 10-minute or less contact time		✓	✓	Anything longer would not be usable in the child care or school setting.
6. Safe to use on food surfaces		✓		Requirement of the MN Food Code.
7. Clearly labeled with directions for mixing and use		✓	✓	For ease of use to avoid improper mixing of solution.

* Either criteria 3 or 4 will meet the requirement of OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard.