



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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FROM: Josh Geballe, Commissioner of Administrative Services

SUBJECT: Guidance Regarding “Green Cleaning” Requirements and Coronavirus/COVID 19

This message is in response to questions our agencies have received regarding state laws that require the use of green cleaning products. It is intended to provide guidance regarding the use of appropriate cleaning products in state buildings and public schools.

Please know that **it is acceptable to use most conventional cleaning and sanitizing products**. The majority of disinfecting soaps and cleaning products are exempt from state-mandated “green” cleaning protocols. State laws that require the use of “green” cleaning products also **provide an exception for the use of any disinfectant, disinfecting cleaner, sanitizer or any other antimicrobial product approved by federal law**. Use of items such as alcohol-based hand sanitizers, chlorine bleach disinfectants and hand soaps and disinfectant wipes are permitted by the states green cleaning laws. Also, as per CDC guidance, hand soap and warm water are effective disinfectants when used correctly – [primarily washing vigorously for at least 20 seconds](#). In short, if a cleaning product is normally available at local retail establishments, then it is most likely acceptable to use.

To the extent that the laws around green cleaning products have been interpreted locally to further restrict use of environmental cleaning products and/or personal care products, in the context of COVID19, these laws should not be misconstrued to limit compliance with the relevant CDC and/or DPH guidance necessary for protection of public health and safety.

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Relevant Statutes:

[C.G.S. § 4b-15a](#)

[C.G.S. § 10-231g](#)

Useful Resources:

[CT DPH: Tips for Cleaning Child Care Facilities the Safe & Healthy Way](#)

[US EPA: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2](#)