

ANTIBACTERIAL HAND SANITISER

FACT SHEET

ALCOHOL FREE

Antibacterial alcohol free hand sanitiser uses **Quaternary Ammonium Compounds (Benzalkonium Chloride)** to sanitise hands. This is the same ingredient used in many commercial and hospital grade disinfectants.

WHY HAVE ALCOHOL FREE HAND SANITISER?

- There are a number of religions where alcohol is not permitted to be consumed or touch the skin
- Drug and alcohol rehabilitation clinics can not have any alcohol present. The smell of the alcohol in a sanitiser can be enough to cause a relapse.
- Gaols cannot have alcohol of any form where it can be accessed by inmates.
- Many people and particularly small children have skin reactions to high percentages of alcohol.

IS IT AS EFFECTIVE AS ALCOHOL BASED SANITISER?

- Hand sanitiser with between 60 and 80% alcohol is considered the ultimate to kill viruses and should be used where there is a known source of Coronavirus COVID-19
- Alcohol free hand sanitiser offers some instant kill and also residual kill of most known viruses.
- It is more effective when used in conjunction with hand washing with soap for 20 seconds and drying with single use disposable wipes.

WHY OFFER ALCOHOL FREE HAND SANITISER?

There are massive shortages of alcohol used to manufacture hand sanitiser, and the shortages are expected to last for several months. It offers some protection - but should not replace regularly washing hands.

