

# What To Look For In A Disinfectant



*“Coronaviruses are enveloped viruses, meaning they are one of the easiest types of viruses to kill with the appropriate disinfectant product”*

US EPA Press Release, March 5, 2020 <sup>1</sup>

You can stop the spread of germs effectively with regular disinfection of high-touch, hard surfaces in homes, hospitals, schools, and stores.

Most cleaners are not disinfectants.



## Quats

**US EPA has** listed<sup>2</sup> a number of ingredients for disinfection against SARS-CoV-2 – including a set of chemical formulations based on Quaternary Ammonium Compounds (Quats) as the active ingredient. Quats are trusted ingredients used to formulate effective disinfectants.

Quats can kill dangerous microorganisms and germs even at very low concentrations.



Check the labels.

Check the labels on your disinfectants to be sure they include quats or other antimicrobial products listed by US EPA<sup>3</sup> to be used against coronaviruses, such as:



**Alkyl Dimethyl Benzyl Ammonium Chloride**



**Diocetyl Dimethyl Ammonium Chloride**

For US EPA's full list, visit:

[www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2](http://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2)

**Follow the instructions on the label to get the best results.**

With the right products and proven ingredients, you can help protect yourself and your family at home and in public places like hospitals, schools and stores.

1. <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-releases-list-disinfectants-use-against-covid-19>  
2. <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>  
3. <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>