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**BAK Hand Sanitizers – Purchasing Sources**

A Guideline has been issued jointly by the Office of Emergency Preparedness, the Chief Health Officer, Operational Safety and Community Health, Fire Safety Services and the Office of Risk Management to provide minimum standards for guidance and consistency in use and placement of non-alcohol based hand sanitizers at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor and regional campuses. This guideline is not applicable to state regulated health care facilities.

To help limit the spread of H1N1 during the 2009-10 academic year, the University Committee on Hand Sanitizing recommends all departments purchase .13% benzalkonium chloride (BAK) hand sanitizers. BAK’s are non-alcohol based sanitizers that studies have shown are effective at killing the influenza virus in lieu of the flammable alcohol based material. Departments are advised to consider placing BAK’s at dining facilities, shared equipment spaces (computer labs), residence halls, athletic facilities, buses, child care centers, public spaces/lobbies entrance areas and other high traffic areas.

For an updated listing of suppliers and products available please visit this link:
http://finance.umich.edu/procurement/BAK-hand-sanitizers

Sincerely,

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