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OPT/IM[®] is effective against Novel Coronavirus

TORONTO, CANADA / OPT/IM[®] has demonstrated effectiveness against viruses similar Novel Coronavirus on hard non-porous surfaces and non-invasive medical devices. This product can therefore be used against 2019-nCoV when used in accordance with the directions for use against Poliovirus on hard, non-porous surfaces, and non-invasive medical devices.

This enveloped virus, also known as 2019-nCoV, is part of a family of viruses that can cause a range of illnesses from the common cold to SARS and MERS. What makes this coronavirus unique is that it is a strain never before seen in humans. While it is new, it belongs to a class of viruses that are easier to kill than much tougher viruses like Poliovirus or Norovirus.

OPT/IM meets the requirements of the [EPA's emerging viral pathogens claim](#), [Health Canada's Broad Spectrum Virucide claim](#) for the emerging pathogens and the European CEN's overview standard EN 14885 and virucidal standard EN 14476.

OPT/IM Blue and OPT/IM 33TB have a one-minute virucidal contact time. OPT/IM 1 has a 30-second virucidal contact time.* That means that the surface must remain wet for only **1 minute** in order to inactivate viruses including Novel Coronavirus.

For the public, this outbreak has heightened awareness around the dangers and spread of viruses, but for health care workers it reinforces the importance of properly completing and monitoring standard infection control protocols.

Oral healthcare workers are to follow standard infection control protocols.

Between patient visits, clean and disinfect all clinical contact surfaces such as the dental chair. Also, make sure to regularly clean and disinfect surfaces that present the highest risk of infection in your SteriCentre (e.g. surfaces that come into contact with contaminated instruments and gloves).

Before you clean or disinfect contaminated surfaces, ensure you are wearing the proper PPE as per local infection control guidelines. As stated on OPT/IM disinfectants' Safety Data Sheets, PPE is not required to handle the product because it is not irritating to the skin. However, PPE such as utility gloves must be worn to protect oral health care workers from infectious materials.

OPT/IM Instruction for Use:

Before using OPT/IM in your office for the very first time, remove any residue left on surfaces from your previous disinfectant by washing all surfaces with soap and warm water. Thoroughly dry them.

1. To use OPT/IM wipes, pull out a pre-moistened wipe at a 45-degree angle and close the lid.
2. When using the Ready-to-Use OPT/IM liquid, spray the solution onto a SciCan Dry Towellette.
3. Wipe the surface down evenly and thoroughly to clean and disinfect. Evenly apply to surfaces to avoid any unnecessary pooling.
4. Be sure to leave the surface wet for the contact time indicated on the label.
5. When using any disinfectant on surfaces it is best practice to periodically rinse and dry the surfaces with soap and water. Our recommendation is to do this at least once a week.

Please contact us at 1-800-667-7733 with any questions.

*OPT/IM 33TB is available in Canada, the U.S., and Europe. OPT/IM 1 is available in the U.S. and Europe. OPT/IM Blue is available In Europe.