

Efficacy of Clinell products against Wuhan novel coronavirus (WN-CoV)

To whom it may concern,

We would like to provide assurance that **Clinell Universal Wipes** and **Clinell Sporicidal Wipes** are proven **effective against coronaviruses in a 60 second contact time.**

Wuhan coronavirus, also known as 'novel coronavirus (nCoV)' and '2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)' is an emerging strain of virus from the same family as those that cause 'Middle-East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS-CoV)' and those responsible for the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreak in 2003.

First identified on 7th January 2020 in Wuhan, China, there now appears to be extensive spread across China and suspected cases are being investigated globally. The situation is an evolving one and it is likely that national and international guidance will change as the outbreak develops and we learn more about how quickly the virus is able to spread between people, the severity of disease it causes and the mortality rate.

Decontamination of the environment and performing hand hygiene are fundamental to preventing further spread of disease and controlling the outbreak.

Choosing the right wipe

Clinell Universal Wipes are effective against coronavirus in just **60 seconds of contact time.**

Clinell Sporicidal Wipes are **fully virucidal.** They are also effective against coronaviruses in a **60 second contact time.**

Both are validated by accredited, third-party labs according to EN14476, the European standard test for virucidal efficacy.

They were tested at Microbac Laboratory, a Biosafety Level 3 Laboratory in the USA. Both were tested against a virulent strain of human coronavirus, not a surrogate.

Clinell Universal Wipes and Clinell Sporicidal Wipes are single-step detergent/disinfectant wipes. That means **they clean and disinfect in a single action** so no pre-cleaning is required.

Keep hands clean

Regular hand hygiene, in the form of hand washing with soap and water or the use of a hand sanitiser, is internationally recognised as a key intervention in preventing further spread of infection.

Hand disinfectants, such as **alcohol gels or hand sanitisers, are only effective on 'visibly clean hands.'** Traditionally, soiled hands must be washed with soap and water.

Clinell Antimicrobial Hand Wipes provide an alternative hand hygiene solution. They are as effective as soap and water at removing microorganisms¹ and ideal in situations where hands are visibly soiled but hand washing facilities or clean water are unavailable.

To find out more

For more information about 2019 novel Wuhan coronavirus, please see the latest national or international guidance.

For more information about Clinell Universal Wipes, Clinell Sporicidal Wipes or Clinell Antimicrobial Hand Wipes, please speak to your GAMA Healthcare representative or visit: www.gamahealthcare.com

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'T.M. Layer'.

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Reference

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