

Date: Oct 22, 2020

Subject: Effectiveness of EU CaviWipes against SARS-CoV-2

Dear Valued Customers,

This memo is to communicate that EU CaviWipes is effective against SARS-CoV-2, the novel coronavirus responsible for COVID-19.

To disinfect severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) recommends the use of disinfectants that are effective against viruses.¹ The European Union, along with other European nations, require disinfectants to have virucidal activity against enveloped viruses by demonstrating efficacy against Vaccinia Virus Ankara (MVA) according to EN 14476.^{2,3}

CaviWipes is an EU registered medical device suitable for disinfection of non-invasive medical devices and has demonstrated efficacy against Vaccinia Virus Ankara (MVA) according to up-to-date European testing (EN 14476) and is therefore effective against enveloped viruses such as: SARS-CoV-2, HIV, HBV, HCV, etc¹. Metrex has conducted efficacy testing⁴ via an independent third-party laboratory on our CaviWipes against SARS-CoV-2 according to ASTM E1053-20, an internationally recognized standard. The test data demonstrated a 2 minute kill time on SARS-CoV-2.⁵ Please refer to our sales literature for a full list of efficacy claims.

We will update our product label to reflect the claims against SARS-CoV-2.

Here are the P/N with updated claims:

REF/Part No.	Description
4731160	CAVIWIPES – 160 WIPES PER CANISTER (CASE OF 12 CANISTERS)
4731245	CAVIWIPES FLAT PACKS – 45 WIPES PER PACK (CASE OF 20 PACKS)

Sincerely,

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REFERENCES:

¹ ECDC technical report. *Disinfection of Environments in Healthcare and Non-healthcare settings potentially contaminated with SARS-CoV-2, March 2020*, <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/pubtions-data/disinfection-environments-covid-19>

² **BS EN 14476:2013+A2:2019** Chemical disinfectants and antiseptics – Quantitative suspension test for the evaluation of virucidal activity in the medical area – Test method and requirements (phase 2 step 1)

³ **BS EN 14885:2018** Chemical disinfectants and antiseptics – Application of European Standards for chemical disinfectants and antiseptics

⁴ **ASTM E1053-20** Product Performance Test Guideline, OCSPP 810.2200, Disinfectants for Use on Environmental Surfaces, Guidance for Efficacy Testing, [EPA 712-C-17-004]. <https://www.astm.org/Standards/E1053.htm>

⁵ Independent Laboratory Report Test Project ID# 198-977. September 2020