What About Hand Sanitizers?

Do hand sanitizers fall under the Healthy Schools Act (HSA) requirements?

No, hand sanitizers are not pesticides and do not fall under the HSA.

Why?

If the product is used to kill microbes in or on a person, then it is not a pesticide, and is instead regulated by the Food and Drug Administration.

If the product is used to kill microbes on inanimate objects, like desks or countertops, then it is a pesticide that is regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Pesticide Regulation.

Is HSA Training Required?

YES

DISINFECTING WIPES

DISINFECTING SPRAY

HAND SANITIZER

ANTIBACTERIAL SOAPS

NO

Disinfecting wipes and Disinfecting sprays are used on desks, counters, doorknobs, and toys. The U.S. EPA and DPR regulate these products.

Hand Sanitizers and Antibacterial soaps are used on hands. The FDA regulates these products.

For more information about antimicrobial pesticides, check out the National Pesticide Information Center: http://npic.orst.edu/factsheets/antimicrobials.html

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