







Antimicrobial Coatings: Fact and Fiction Separated



As businesses, schools, airports, and other facilities reopen or return closer to previous occupancy levels, facility managers are doing their best to provide safer, healthier environments. With so many new products hitting the market, it is difficult to discern truth from speculation. In partnership with ABM's Expert Advisory Council, below is our position and findings regarding anti-microbial coatings and other "self-cleaning" products.

-  Antimicrobial coatings and films have been around for more than 30 years. **This is not new technology.**
-  Companies claim or imply that these products provide an extended barrier against the COVID-19 virus – in some cases up to 90 days – after the initial application. **There are no products on the market that have been independently verified for this claim.**
-  The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has not provided a recommendation that suggests antimicrobial coatings offer any enhanced protection from the spread of **bacteria and germs.**
-  It is also not clear if the antimicrobial claims would hold up when the facility continues to employ a **disinfection program** that requires damp wipe disinfecting the same surfaces.
-  It is also not clear if the antimicrobial claims would hold up when the facility continues to employ a disinfection program that requires damp wipe disinfecting the same surfaces multiple times per day.
-  **The cost** for these products or their application are excessive, often many times higher than our most expensive disinfectant.

ABM EnhancedClean services are designed to reduce but not eliminate the risks of spreading infectious diseases and viruses. There is no guarantee that the EnhancedClean services or any cleaning services will completely eliminate the risks of spreading infectious diseases and viruses.

ABM can install coatings, films, and 'self-cleaning' products in your facility if you find value in these products even after considering the talking points above. These solutions should not replace disinfection programs since there is no science confirming the effectiveness of the products.

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