IPC Recommendations for Handling and Replacing Flip Top Lids for the 500 ml Wood Wyant® X-Pure Alcohol-based Hand Rub during COVID-19 Pandemic

1. Issue
1.1 Wood Wyant® has notified AHS of a shortage of flip top lids for their 500 ml X-Pure alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR) dispensers.
1.2 Wood Wyant® is asking that units store empty dispensers with flip top lids and transfer the flip top lids to the new sealed dispensers as they become available.

2. IPC recommendations
2.1 Install the poster notifying units of this issue, refer to poster page 2.
2.2 Units/areas to determine where/how to store the empty dispensers and who will be responsible to transfer the flip top lids from the used dispenser to the new one.
   - Choose a secure, clean location outside of a patient care space that does not interfere with traffic flow to store the dispensers. Do not store the dispensers in the soiled utility room.
   - Wipe the exterior of the empty dispenser before putting it in the storage receptacle.
     - Use an AHS RTU disinfectant wipe or a substitute disinfectant during supply challenges
     - Follow IPC Cleaning Principles
   - Keep only the number of dispensers required to provide flip top lids to the new dispensers.
   - Do not detach the flip top lids from the empty dispenser until ready to transfer over to the new dispenser.
2.3 Process for replacing flip top lids
   - Perform hand hygiene.
   - On a clean surface:
     - Remove the flip top lid from the empty dispenser;
     - Connect clean/disinfected flip top lid onto a new dispenser;
     - Discard the empty dispenser into the garbage or recycling as per area/unit protocol.
   - Take the new flip top lid dispenser to a location for immediate use or store in clean storage area.

Note: This Information Sheet was developed to provide IPC guidance for handling and replacing flip top lids related to the Wood Wyant® notification to AHS that new flip top lids are experiencing a shortage during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this document “lid” refers to either a lid or cap affixed to the top of a bottle, which is able to help facilitate the pouring of alcohol-based hand rub in a controlled fashion.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this Information Sheet contact Infection Prevention & Control at ipsurvstdadmin@ahs.ca.
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Store all flip top lids (A) used with the 500 ml Wood Wyant® X-Pure Alcohol-based Hand Rub Dispensers in the same clinical area of use.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION