



SAMPLE EMAIL TO CHILD CARE DIRECTOR OR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR ABOUT SAFER DISINFECTING DURING COVID-19

Dear [Preschool Teacher or Director, Daycare Director, or School Official],

My name is [NAME] and I am the parent of [CHILD'S NAME]. I know that reopening schools during a pandemic must be incredibly difficult and I want to thank you for all the hard work that you are doing. We all want to protect the health of our kids and the staff, which is why I wanted to share some information I recently learned about safe disinfecting and COVID-19.

Disinfecting products that contain bleach and quats (quaternary ammonia compounds) can cause and trigger asthma and have other harmful health effects. As COVID-19 is requiring an increase in disinfecting, repeated use of these chemicals could have harmful health consequences for both cleaning staff and students. Fortunately, there are safer EPA approved disinfectant products that are effective against the coronavirus and other germs. These disinfecting products use active ingredients that are less harmful to human health and the environment, including hydrogen peroxide, citric acid, L-lactic acid, and alcohol (ethanol or isopropanol). In fact, the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) and some states like [California](#) and [Washington](#) have reopening guidance for childcare and schools that specifically recommend using disinfectants that don't cause and exacerbate asthma. Please take a look at the attached pdf or this link, which has more detailed information and lists a bunch of resources where you can learn more.

I want to strongly encourage [NAME OF CHILD CARE/SCHOOL] to adopt a policy of using safer disinfectants for the health of both our children and the staff. I would be happy to further discuss the importance of safer disinfectants and cleaning with you. Please let me know if I can be of help in any other way going forward to ensure the safest learning environment for our children. Thanks for listening to my concerns and leading the way during these uncertain times.

Thank you for your time,

[NAME]
[CONTACT INFO]