Hand Sanitizer Notice
Regarding Expiration Date

Recent inquiries about the expiration date on the product with this style of label:

This product was manufactured in partnership with the Oregon Prescription Drug Program, Oregon Liquor Control Commission, Business Oregon, locally owned Oregon Distilleries, OSU College of Pharmacy Drug Use Research & Management, Oregon Board of Pharmacy and Moda Health.

The FDA provided no guidance to distilleries or other outsourcing manufacturing facilities regarding expiration dates for hand sanitizer manufactured under the FDA guidance: Policy for Temporary Compounding of Certain Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer Products During the Public Health Emergency (March 2020) FDA Docket Number: FDA-2020-D-1106

The hand sanitizer formula provided by the FDA for local production is similar to the WHO formula which has a 2-year expiration date from production.

Again, the FDA did not provide guidance on a set expiration date. Only that there should be an expiration. Based on clinical judgement, and without doing additional testing, a maximum date of 6 month from production was determined. This is very conservative, given the WHO expiration date of 2 years and commercial versions which have over 2-year expiration dates. Additionally, compounded products following USP 795 regulation, can only state a maximum of 6 months.

Although the FDA does not have information on the stability or effectiveness of drug products past their expiration date. It is very likely that the potency of this product will remain at a level above the CDC recommended minimum 60% alcohol content well beyond the affixed expiration date. Oregon Health Authority encourages those in receipt of this labeled product continue to use this product liberally.

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