

COVID-19 PANDEMIC
HAND SANITIZER MANUFACTURING NOTICE

Due to the extreme need for handwashing and the use of hand sanitizer to combat the spread of Covid-19, and the extreme scarcity of hand sanitizer through normal sources, many local businesses have expressed a desire to manufacture hand sanitizer for use in the community. As indicated below, a state permit is required to purchase alcohol for scientific or manufacturing purposes. That process takes time, and once a permit is issued, the DABC has no control over the quality or distribution of products manufactured with the alcohol.

Distilleries who want to manufacture hand sanitizer, as well as any person or entity who wants to purchase alcohol to manufacture hand sanitizer, are required to obtain a state special use permit pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §32B-10-404. During the time period that the emergency health department orders are in effect, the DABC will not take action against any person or entity manufacturing hand sanitizer for failure to secure a special use permit under Utah Code Ann. §32B-10-404. However, the DABC highly encourages these manufacturers or those who seek to manufacture hand sanitizer to apply for a special use permit. You may find the necessary information here: https://abc.utah.gov/license/permits_special_use.html

Note: Anyone who produces hand sanitizer is subject to federal requirements of both the TTB and FDA. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, the DABC expects all entities to adhere to FDA and TTB requirements, including conformity with any federal regulations regarding claims of the efficacy of hand sanitizers. It is the sole responsibility of the hand sanitizer manufacturer, or anyone seeking to do so, to ensure compliance with federal law.

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a directive regarding the production of hand sanitizer. A link to that directive may be found here: <https://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/guidance-industry-temporary-policy-preparation-certain-alcohol-based-hand-sanitizer-products-during>

Additionally, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) has modified the approval requirements for Alcohol Fuel Plants (AFPs) and Beverage Distilled Spirits Plants (DSPs) that are currently TTB permittees. A copy of that guidance may be found here: <https://www.ttb.gov/news/covid-19-hand-sanitizer>

Disclaimer: Anyone manufacturing hand sanitizer is solely responsible for the products which they manufacture. Additionally, the DABC makes no representation as to the actions of any other agency which may have jurisdiction over the persons or their products.