
Ensuring Quality Hand Sanitizer Production During COVID-19 Seminar

Why Quality Hand Sanitizer Matters

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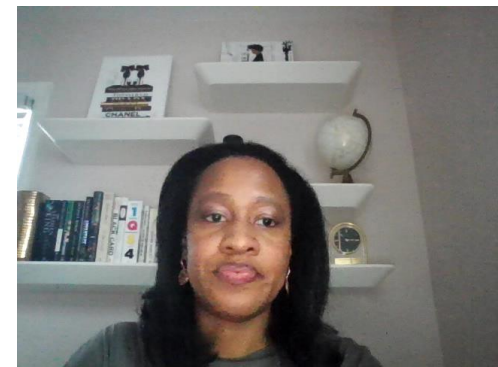
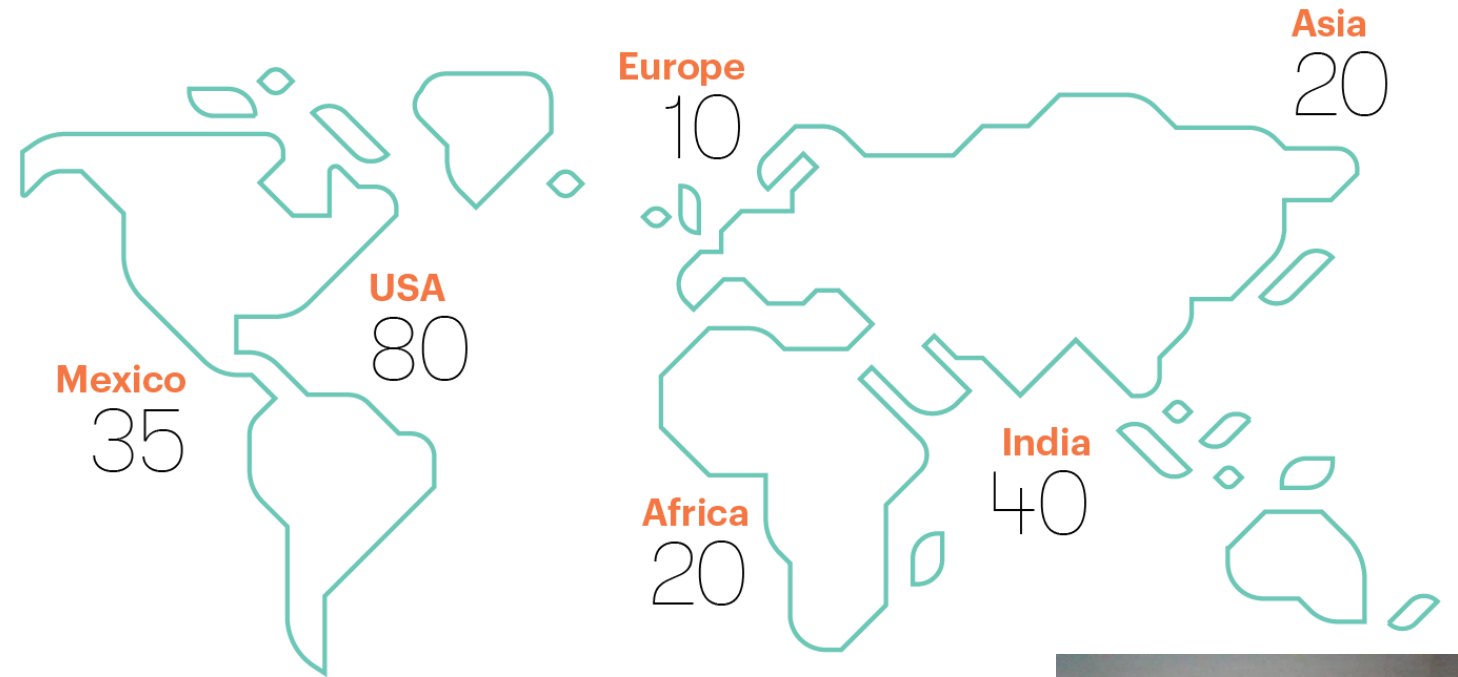
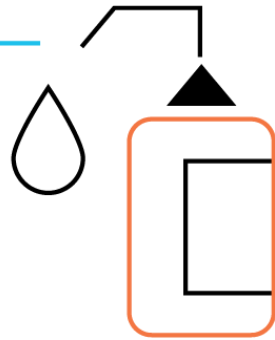
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Hand sanitizer quality concerns have global impact



**Globally,
over 200
alcohol-based
hand sanitizer
quality incidents were
reported in 2020**^{ii iii}



Quality risks can lead to patient harm & death



Quality issue

Between June 2020 - January 23, 2021, the FDA placed

220 hand sanitizer products on a Do Not Use List

Some products tested positive for **methanol contamination** while some contained sub-potent levels of key ingredients

Public health impact

During May and June 2020,

15 people in Arizona and New Mexico were hospitalized

after ingesting hand sanitizer containing methanol.

3 of those were left with visual impairments

4 of those died as a result



Proper labeling & packaging can mitigate risk



Safe storage & transportation must be prioritized



Today's Event



- ▶ The global and regional quality risks and solutions for alcohol-based hand sanitizer:
 - Production (including its ingredients such as alcohol)
 - Labeling
 - Packaging
 - Transportation
 - Storage
- ▶ Approaches to help ensure public understanding of the safe use of hand sanitizer for infection prevention.



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