

Puerto Rican Hand Sanitizer Contaminated With Bacteria

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is warning consumers in Puerto Rico that two locally produced hand sanitizers contain high levels of bacteria.

The agency says "Bee-Shield Hand Sanitizer" with Aloe Vera and "MD Quality Hand Sanitizer" are distributed only in the U.S. Caribbean territory.

The FDA warned Wednesday that the *Burkholderia cepacia* bacteria can cause serious infections in humans when the hand sanitizers are used on skin with cuts or abrasions.

The products are manufactured by Puerto Rico Beverage Inc. of Maunabo. A recent FDA inspection of the company's plant found serious problems with manufacturing practices. The company was not listed in the phone directory.

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