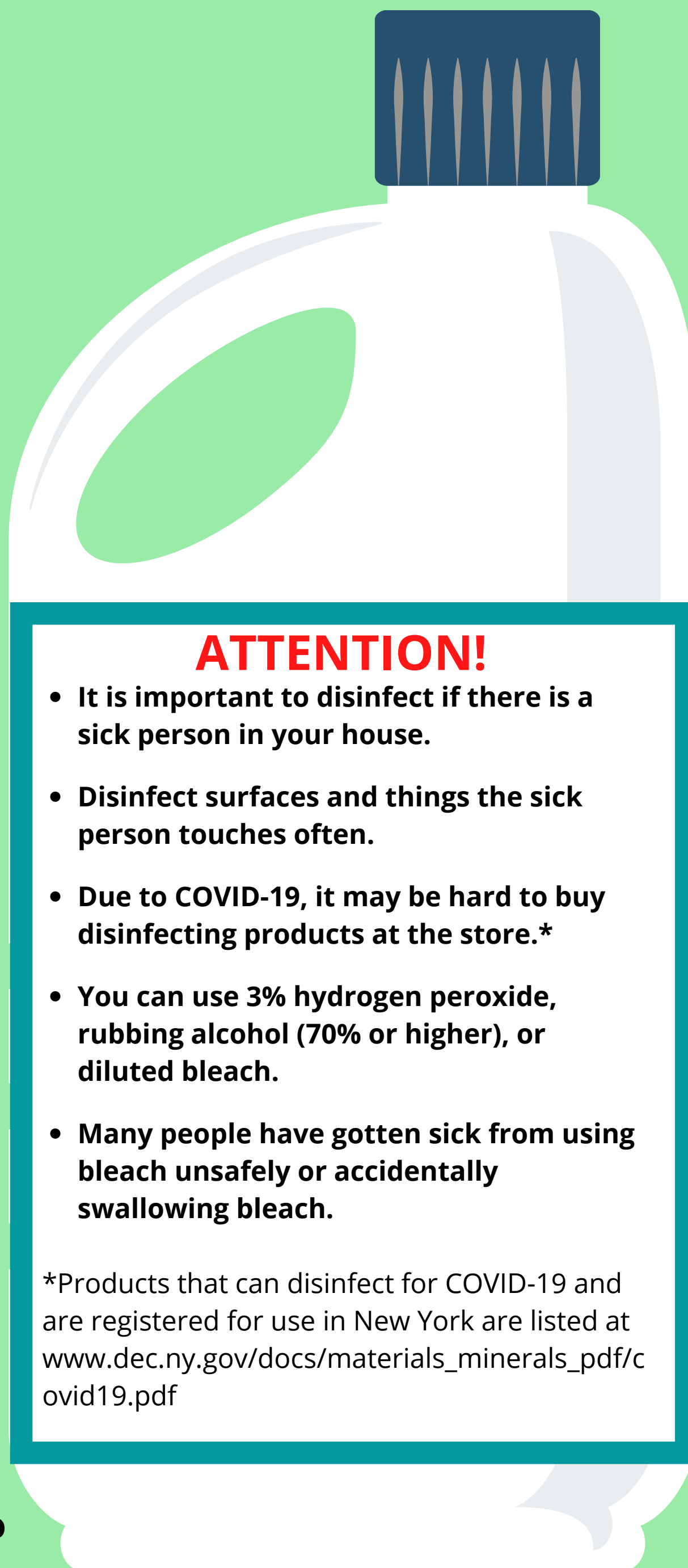


DISINFECTING WITH BLEACH

Dos

- 1** Protect yourself by wearing
 - Mask
 - Gloves
 - Glasses or goggles
 - Wash your hands!
- 2** Open a window and turn on fans
 - Fumes from cleaners can hurt you
 - Fresh air flow is important
- 3** Clean surfaces first, then disinfect!
- 4** Water down bleach correctly
 - Follow label instructions
 - Use diluted bleach within a day
- 5** Let the watered down bleach sit on the surface for 5 minutes
 - It must stay wet to work
 - Put on more if it dries too quickly
 - Rinse with water
 - Let air dry



ATTENTION!

- It is important to disinfect if there is a sick person in your house.
- Disinfect surfaces and things the sick person touches often.
- Due to COVID-19, it may be hard to buy disinfecting products at the store.*
- You can use 3% hydrogen peroxide, rubbing alcohol (70% or higher), or diluted bleach.
- Many people have gotten sick from using bleach unsafely or accidentally swallowing bleach.

*Products that can disinfect for COVID-19 and are registered for use in New York are listed at www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/covid19.pdf

Don'ts

- 1** Never mix bleach and other chemicals (mixtures can create harmful gases)
- 2** Don't spray a mist of bleach
 - Apply with a clean cloth
 - If you do use a spray bottle, set for 'stream,' not 'mist'
 - Breathing in bleach fumes is dangerous
- 3** Don't clean near
 - Children
 - People with breathing problems like asthma
- 4** Don't use bleach that is more than a year old
- 5** Don't store bleach where children can reach it
 - Keep bleach locked up
 - Use original container or label clearly

HOW TO WATER DOWN BLEACH FOR DISINFECTING



Add 1/3 to 1/2 cup of bleach to one gallon of cold water, depending on the type of bleach.

READ LABEL ON YOUR BLEACH for instructions!

QUESTIONS?

- You can call:
 - Monroe County Department of Public Health
COVID19@monroecounty.gov (585) 753-5555
 - Finger Lakes Children's Env. Health Center
FLCEHC@urmc.rochester.edu (844) 352-3420

- Or visit:
 - virussafehousekeeping.urmc.edu
 - nyscheck.org/covid/
 - www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cleaning-disinfection.html

IF SOMEONE SWALLOWS BLEACH, OR HAS SKIN OR BREATHING PROBLEMS, CALL THE POISON CONTROL CENTER: (800) 222-1222

