

Hand Sanitizers can help keep hands clean when the preferred method of washing hands with soap and water cannot be readily undertaken. Some areas do not have sinks readily available, have a continuous influx of visitors, or have shared workspaces which make easy access to a sink difficult.

To help limit the spread of illness, Auburn University Risk Management and Safety recommends Departments consider using alcohol-based hand sanitizer stations (ABHS) in their buildings. It is recommended the solution be 60% alcohol, which has been shown as an effective neutralizer of COVID-19.

However, ABHS are a Class I flammable liquid as defined by the National Fire Protection Association. And quantities are required to be limited to less than 10 gallons per building (including storage) or per control zone for buildings with previously identified control zones.

- **Place units in dining areas, shared spaces, residence halls, public spaces, lobbies, entrance areas, meeting rooms, and other high traffic areas.**
- **Do not obstruct or impede entrance or egress to an exit.**
- **Do not place ABHS near high temperatures or ignition sources such as open flames, switches, or electrical equipment.**
- **If storing 10 gallons or more, please contact AURMS to make sure you are complying with NFPA 45 and Alabama Fire Code (Chapter 34).**
- **For purchasing information, please contact Procurement and Business Services (334-844-7771)**

