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Applying Disinfectant Pesticides for COVID-19 Coronavirus Mitigation

1. Do I need a pesticide business license or an applicator certification issued by OISC to apply disinfectant pesticides intended to mitigate the COVID-19 coronavirus?

No, a recent 2020 amendment to the Indiana pesticide law specifically exempts from business licensing “a person who uses nonrestricted general use pesticides for purposes of disinfecting or sanitizing, unless a license is required by a rule established by the board.” The Indiana Pesticide Review Board has not developed any such rule. So for now, no license is required to apply disinfectants (pesticides) for coronavirus mitigation.

2. Where can I find more up-to-date information relating to pesticides applied for coronavirus mitigation?

The U.S. EPA has a list of Frequently Asked Questions and other related information posted at https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2.