The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has become extremely concerned with the growing risks related to toxic hand sanitizers that continue to find their way into the consumer market.

When selecting the best hand sanitizer for you and your family, consider the following:

- Avoid hand sanitizers that are packaged to appear as drink, candy or liquor bottles. Because of their appearance, children could be at risk for accidental ingestion and even a small amount may be lethal for a young child.

- Be sure the product you’re using contains the recommended 60% to 95% ethyl alcohol or isopropyl alcohol.

- Avoid products containing harmful or poisonous ingredients such as methanol. For reference, check the FDA website for products.

- Avoid products that are offering false or misleading claims suggesting that the product prevents COVID-19 or can provide prolonged protection.

- Be cautious of products that are fraudulently marked as "FDA-approved". There are currently no drugs, including hand sanitizer, approved by the FDA to prevent or treat COVID-19.