

645—22.1(158) Definitions.

“Disinfectant” means an agent intended to destroy or irreversibly inactivate specific viruses, bacteria, or pathogenic fungi, but not necessarily their spores, on inanimate surfaces.

“Disinfection” means the procedure that kills pathogenic microorganisms, but not necessarily their spores.

“FDA” means the federal Food and Drug Administration.

“Germicide” means an agent that destroys germs.

“Sanitization” means the procedure that reduces the level of microbial contamination so that the item or surface is considered safe.

“Sterilization” means the procedure that kills all microorganisms, including their spores.

“Universal precautions” means practices consistently used to prevent exposure to blood-borne pathogens and the transmission of disease.