

# The dark side of hand sanitizers <sup>[1]</sup>

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The overuse of antimicrobial agents could cause long term problems controlling infections (es.wikihow.com)

The use of antimicrobial hand sanitizers has been on the rise around the world and in Puerto Rico. Instead of protecting people, their overuse could lead to antibiotic resistance and the evolution of new "bugs" that could be harder to control...

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