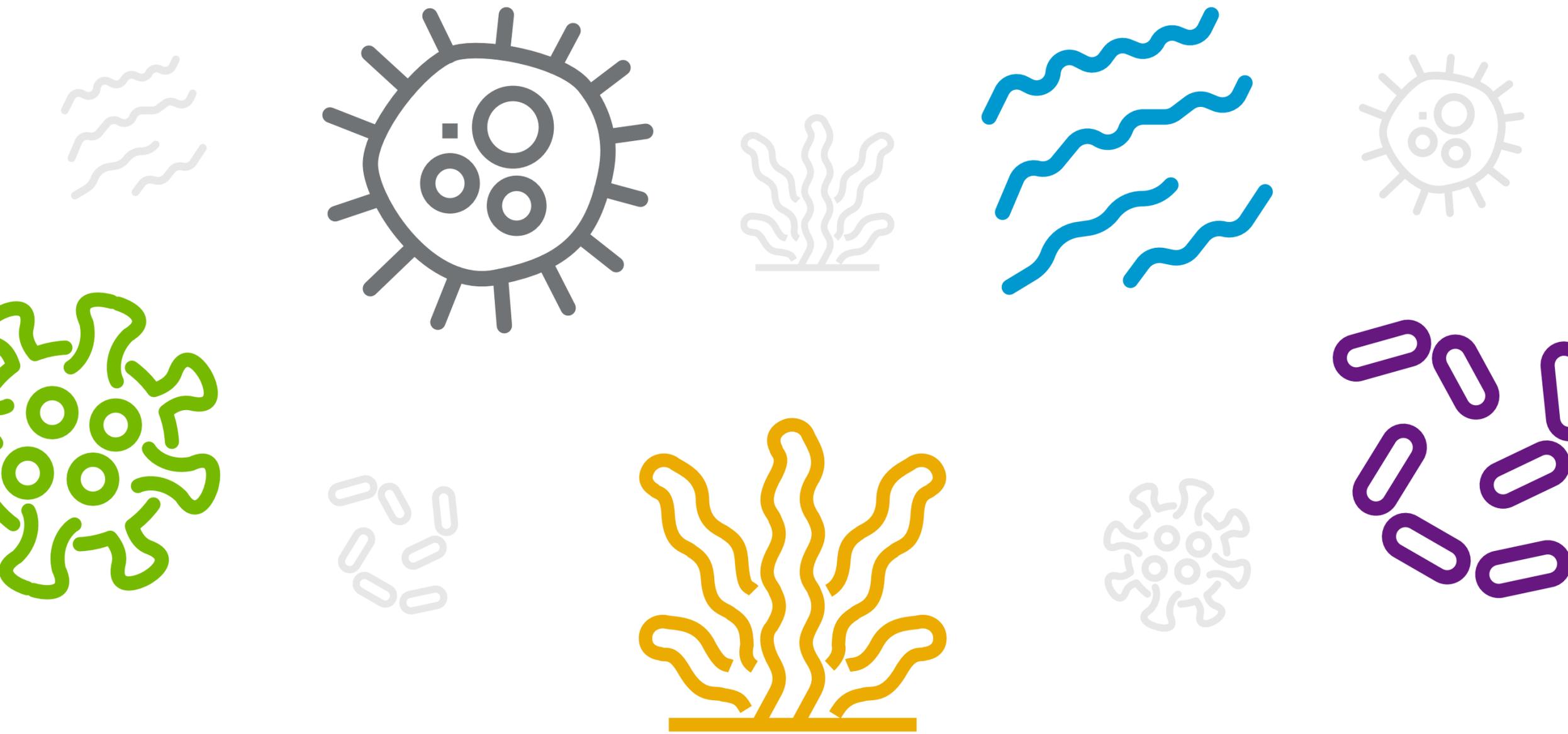
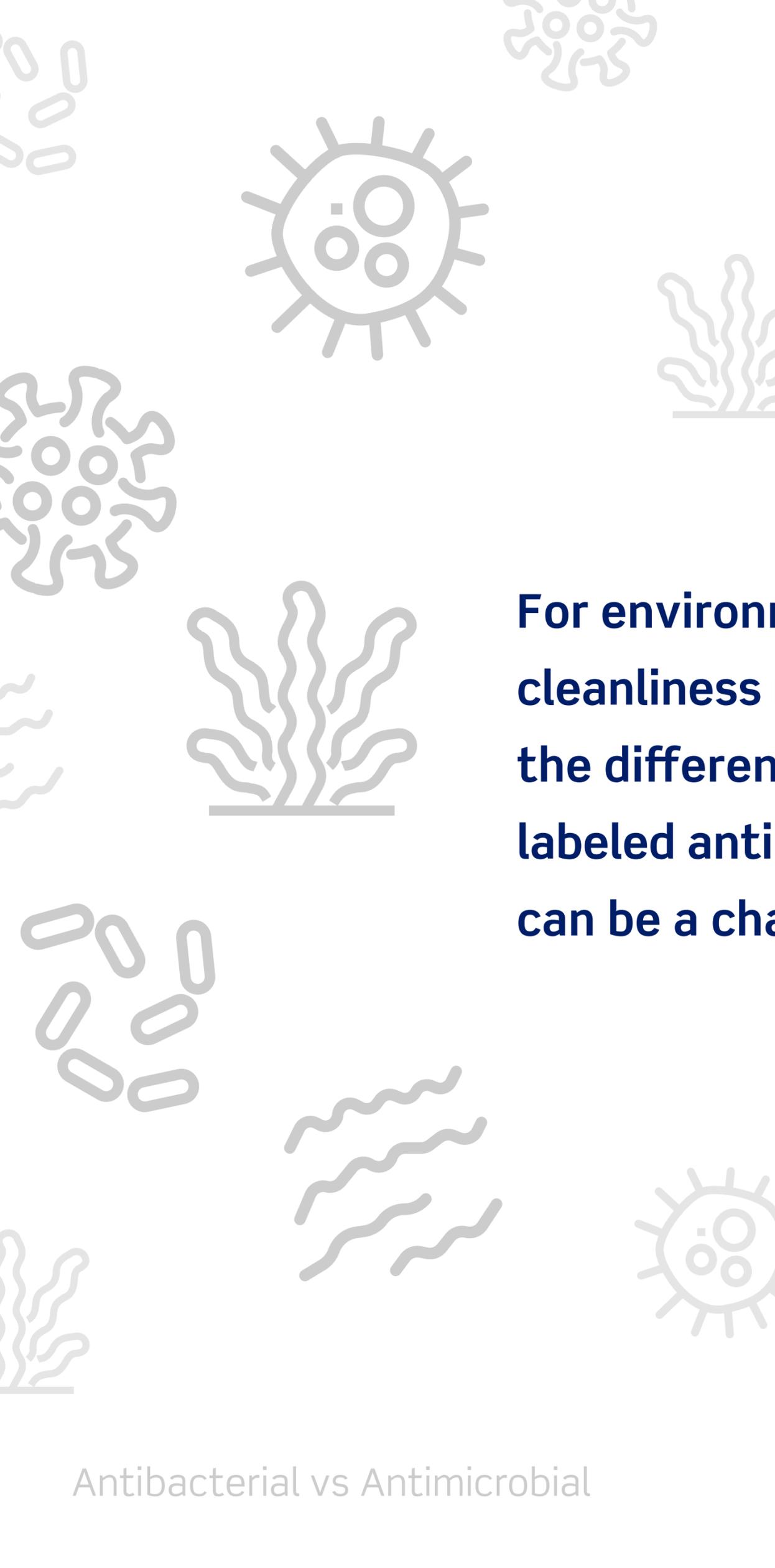


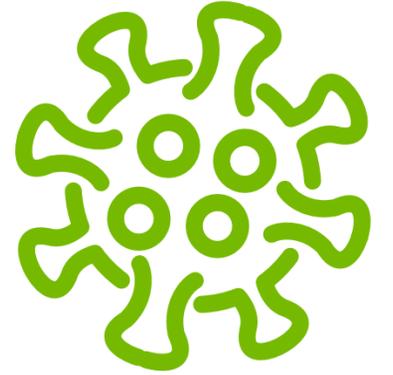
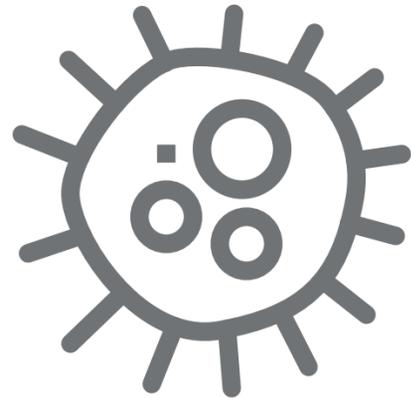
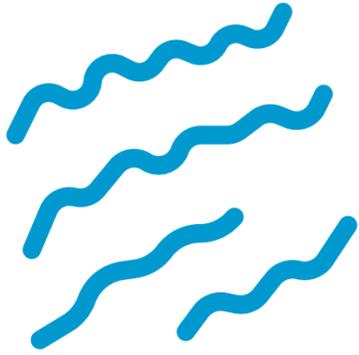
Antibacterial vs Antimicrobial

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?



The background of the slide is decorated with various light gray line-art icons representing different types of microorganisms. These include several rod-shaped bacteria, a large spherical virus-like particle with spikes and internal organelles, a cluster of small circular particles, and several elongated, wavy structures that could represent fungi or other complex microbes. The icons are scattered across the page, with some appearing in the corners and others more centrally.

For environments where surface cleanliness is a daily pursuit, parsing the differences between products labeled antibacterial or antimicrobial can be a challenge.



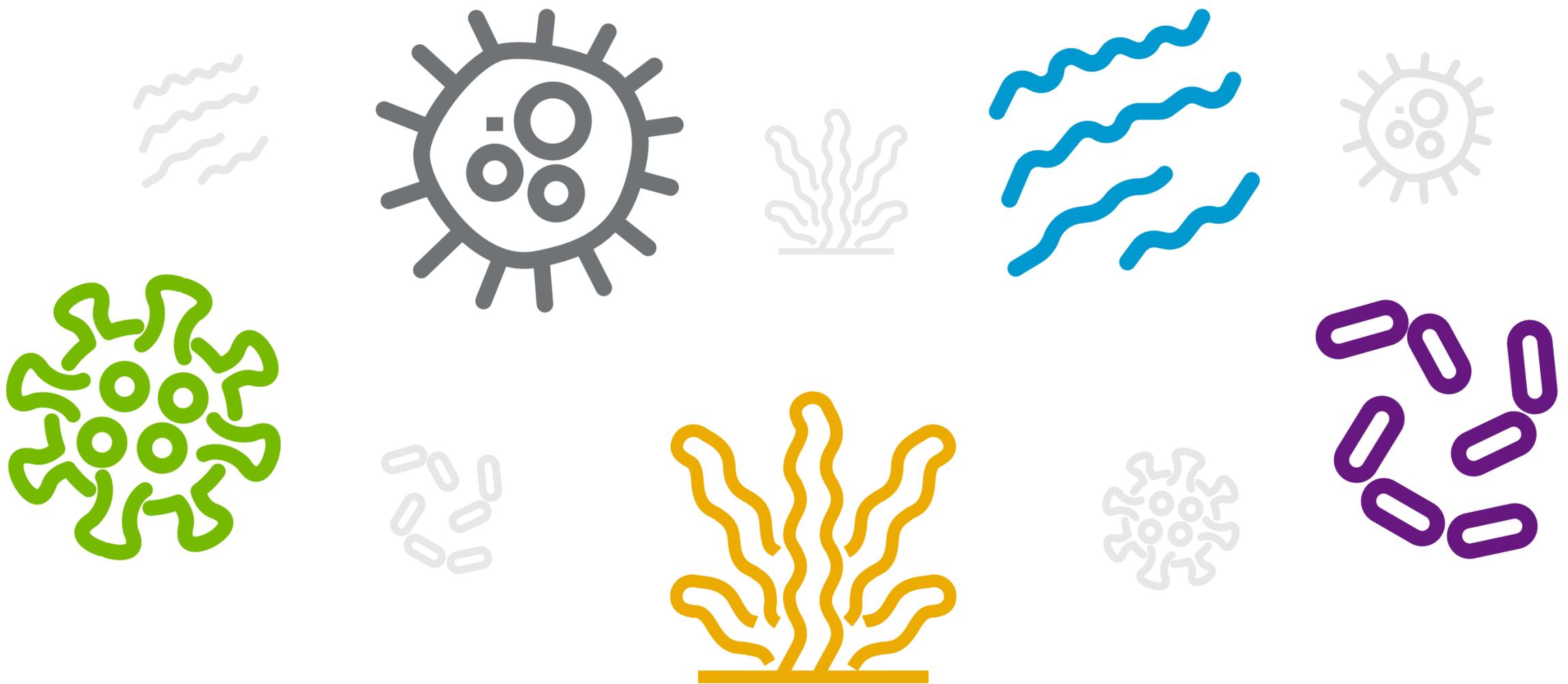
An **antimicrobial** product has a substance capable of **killing or inhibiting the growth of one or more microorganisms**, such as bacteria, fungi, and protozoa.

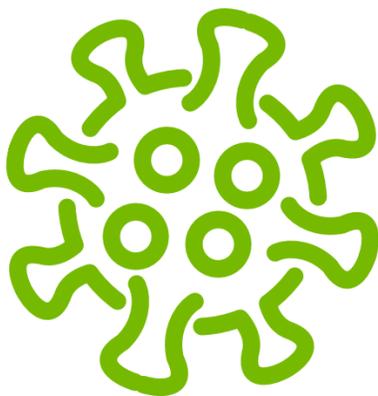
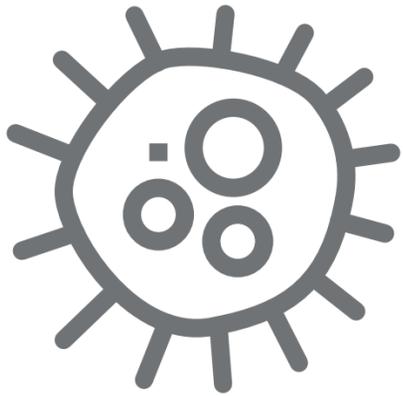
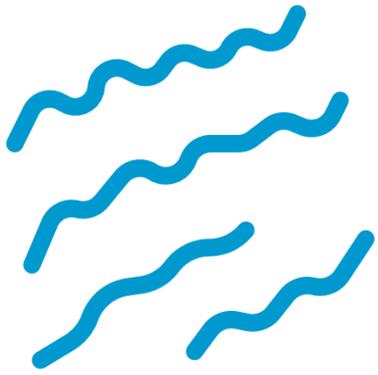


On the other hand, an **antibacterial** product specifically refers to substances that are designed to **kill or inhibit the growth of bacteria.**

In other words, when a product is labeled **antimicrobial**, it may be treated to protect against one or many microorganisms.

You should confirm with the manufacturer about how the product is protected.





Depending on the product, substances labeled antimicrobial may offer a greater level of protection than substances labeled **antibacterial only**. By using substances that continuously inhibit the growth of a broad spectrum of microbes, surfaces can remain protected from damaging and odor-causing microorganisms.

Learn more about Leviton's antimicrobial-treated products: [Leviton.com/Antimicrobial](https://www.leviton.com/Antimicrobial)