Antibacterial vs Antimicrobial

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

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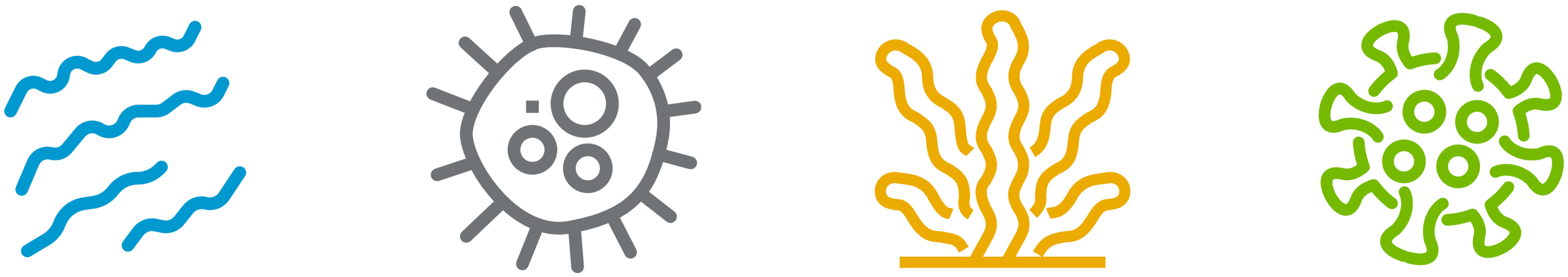
For environments where surface cleanliness is a daily pursuit, parsing the differences between products labeled antibacterial or antimicrobial can be a challenge.



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

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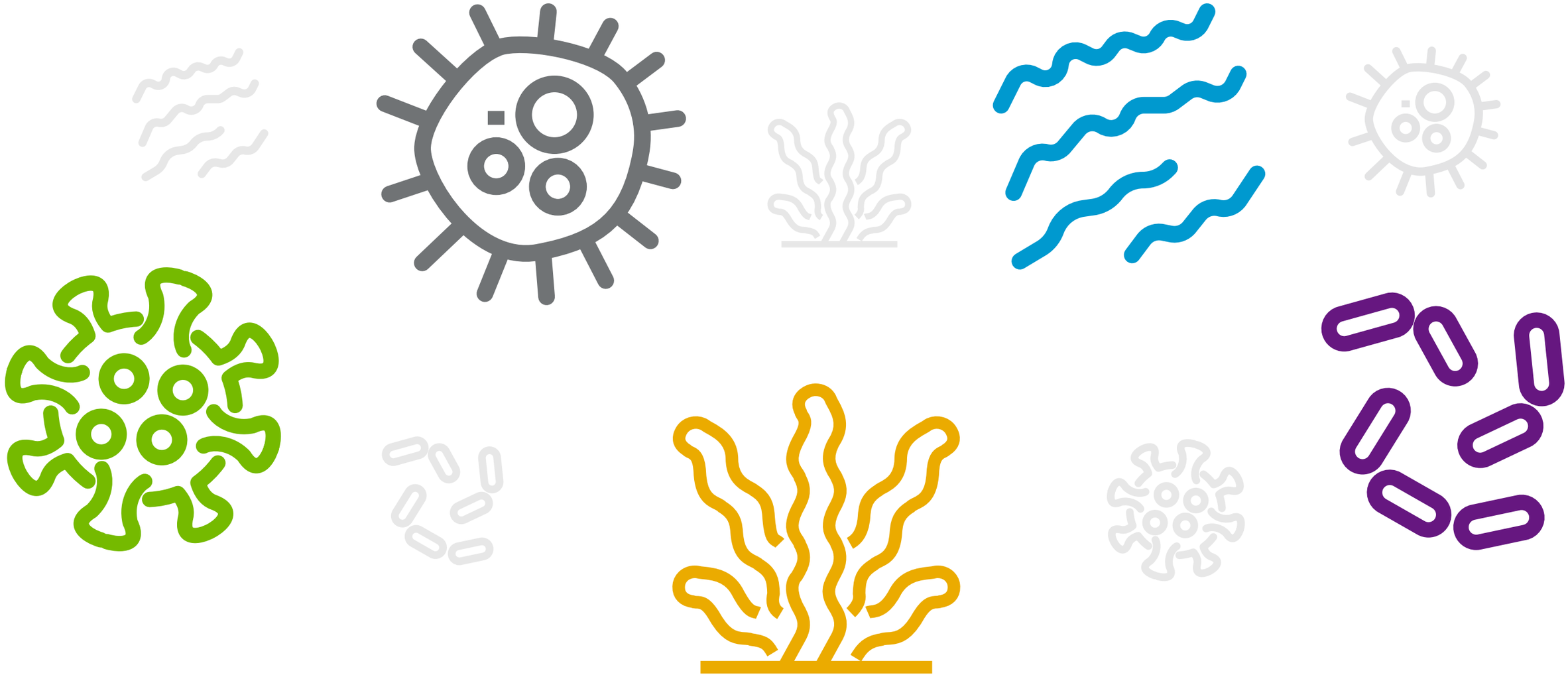
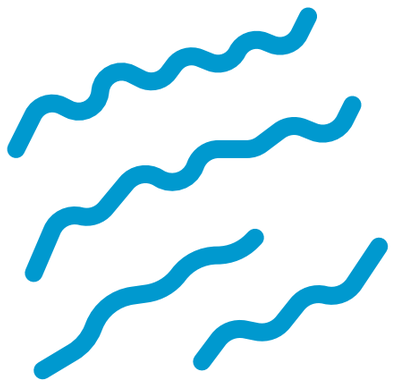
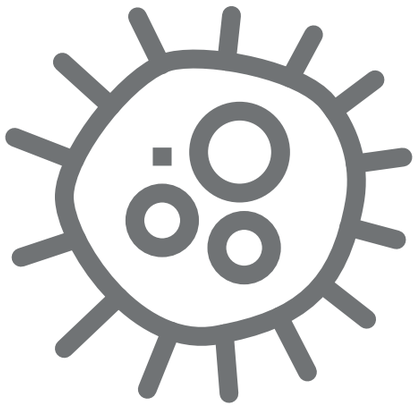
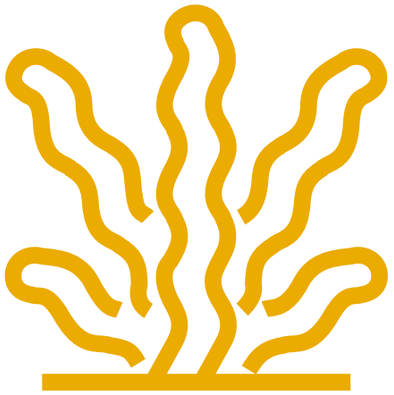
On the other hand, an **antibacterial** product specifically refers to substances that are designed to **kill or inhibit the growth of bacteria**.

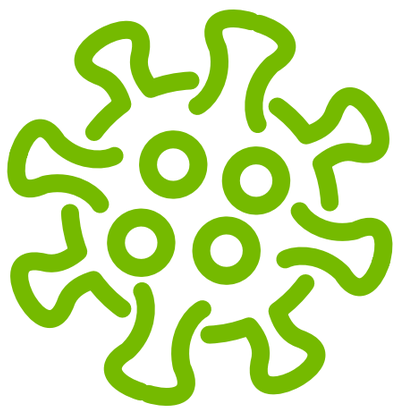
In other words, **when a product is labeled antimicrobial**, it may be treated to **protect against one or many microorganisms**. You should confirm with the manufacturer about how the product is protected.











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.

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