Sorbic Acid

Your patch test result indicates that you have a contact allergy to sorbic acid. This contact allergy may cause your skin to react when it is exposed to this substance although it may take several days for the symptoms to appear. Typical symptoms include redness, swelling, itching, and fluid-filled blisters.

Where is sorbic acid found?
Sorbic acid is used as a preservative and is found in food, cosmetics, and other household products. It prevents the growth of mold, yeast, and fungi.

How can you avoid contact with sorbic acid?
Avoid products that list any of the following names in the ingredients:

- 1,3-Pentadiene-1-carboxylic acid, (E,E)-
- 2,4-Hexadienoic acid, (E,E)-
- Hexadienoic acid
- CAS RN: 110-44-1

What are some products that may contain sorbic acid?

Cloths:
- Wet Ones Moist Towelettes with Aloe, Travel Pac
- Wet Ones Moist Towelettes with Vitamin E & Aloe
- Wet Ones Portable Washcloths with Vitamin E & Aloe, Ultra

Cosmetics:
- Revlon ColorStay Liquid Lip Lipcolor, Blush Wine
- Revlon ColorStay LipSHINE Lipcolor Plus Gloss, Blast
- Revlon ColorStay LipSHINE Lipcolor Plus Gloss, Dazzle
- Revlon ColorStay LipSHINE Lipcolor Plus Gloss, Electric
- Revlon ColorStay LipSHINE Lipcolor Plus Gloss, Solar
- Revlon ColorStay Liquid Lip Lipcolor, Pink Free
- Ultima II Nourishing Stick Blush, Rosewood

Household Products:
- Roundup Tough Weed Formula

Liquids/Creams/Lotions:
- CoverGirl Clean Eyes Make Up Remover
- CoverGirl Clean Makeup Remover for Eyes and Lips
- KeriCort 10 Maximum Strength Itch Relief Cream

For additional information about products that might contain sorbic acid, go to the Household Product Database online (http://householdproducts.nlm.nih.gov) at the United States National Library of Medicine. These lists are brief and provide just a few examples. They are not comprehensive. Product formulations also change frequently. Read product labels carefully and talk to your doctor if you have any questions. These are general guidelines. Talk to your doctor for more specific instructions.