

Hand Hygiene Protocol

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Upon entry to the school building, students and staff will have access to either hand washing stations with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60%-95% alcohol. These hand hygiene stations will be accessible near all main entry doors and in many high-traffic areas (e.g. school office). All students and staff are required to perform hand hygiene (wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60%-95% alcohol) before entering the classroom. Hand hygiene stations will also be available in every classroom.

Students and staff will be required to wash their hands with soap and water after using the bathroom. Prior to mealtime students and staff will be required to perform hand hygiene before eating. Staff supervising mealtimes will be required to perform hand hygiene after mealtime. Students will be required to perform hand hygiene before and after using playground equipment and after emergency drills are complete. Students will also be required to perform hand hygiene if moving between classrooms. Staff who interact with multiple cohorts must perform hand hygiene between interactions with different stable cohorts. Staff and students who have close contact with others for any reason will be required to perform hand hygiene afterward.

Students and staff will be encouraged to perform hand hygiene after meals; before and after PE or recess; after sneezing, blowing their nose, or coughing; and before and after touching their face.

Transportation staff must use hand sanitizer in between helping each student and when getting on and off the vehicle. If hand sanitizer is not available, disposable gloves may be used and the individual must change their gloves before helping each student.

Students and staff will be educated on hand hygiene and signs promoting hand hygiene will be placed at hygiene stations, in the restrooms, and in classrooms. Individuals will be educated on the importance of washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or covering all surfaces of hands with an appropriate amount of hand sanitizer and rubbing them together until they feel dry.

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