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Healthy Schools

Make School Health a Priority...

Prepare Early and Fight Flu!

Flu season is quickly approaching. Get prepared this school year with products and programs to assist in the fight. Schools are a breeding ground for germs and viruses like H1N1. In less than a month, many schools will be opening their doors and packing classrooms with students. Health officials predict that the H1N1 pandemic will be present when schools open and school officials are taking a combative approach to its prevention and spread.

H1N1 Flu is a strain of influenza A virus and spreads from person to person in much the same manner as seasonal influenza. Vigilant hand hygiene and frequent use of foam or gel hand sanitizers will help prevent and control the spread of H1N1.

Many schools have installed additional hand sanitizers throughout classrooms and halls in an effort to encourage hand washing. Frequently touched surfaces should

be thoroughly disinfected. Janitors have increased cleaning on surfaces specifically prone to germs. More people are receiving education on how to be more observant and will be working with students directly regarding the importance of using preventative measures to stay healthy. Increased awareness and cleaning due diligence will help prevent the flu from rapidly spreading. H1N1 has brought more focus onto good hygiene, specifically hand hygiene, which is critical in controlling the spread of the virus.

Promoting a healthy environment begins with the development of a proper hand-washing program. Hand-to-hand contact is often responsible for the spread of such infectious illnesses as flu, pneumonia and H1N1. The most effective way to prevent the spread of bacteria is hand washing. Recent studies found

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that washing with soap can reduce flu-related infections in children by more than 50 percent. Hand washing and cleanliness prevents the spread of bacteria, and in public facilities that is critical.

Hand washing is effective and incredibly easy. Custodians can help by providing the proper products, placing them in the right spots and educating consumers on how and why to use them. To promote hand hygiene in environments where time or location makes it difficult to wash

hands, introduce hand sanitizers. Alcohol-based sanitizers can be more effective than soap and water at killing germs. A study of 6,000 school children found that those who use hand sanitizers throughout the day, in addition to hand washing, experienced 20 percent fewer absences due to illness.

Just as important as the products offered is where they are located. In the restroom, soap should be within arm's reach of each sink. Dryers or paper towel dispensers

should also be near the sinks and at a height appropriate to the users. Trash cans placed at exit doors is very convenient. Place hand sanitizers in hospitals, locker rooms and food service lines. Antibacterial wipes should be placed in every classroom, which allows students to clean their hands before touching communal surfaces, such as a keyboard or mouse.

Be prepared this school year - stock up on hygiene products before flu season hits!

HAND HYGIENE

Ensure people are trained on proper hand washing procedures. Make hand sanitizer available in locations without soap and water.

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DEAR DUSTY - Cleaning For Health



Dear Dusty,

I am a School Custodian with a question about computers. The computer lab at my school is an extremely high traffic area used by hundreds of students every day. What is the best strategy for keeping these surfaces germ free without damaging the computers?

~ Sneezzy in Saskatoon

Dear Sneezzy,

Cleaning a computer lab can be a tricky task. As a preventative measure students should be washing their hands or using a hand sanitizer before and after using the labs. A microfibre cloth is ideal for cleaning a computer. Studies have shown that cleaning with microfibre can reduce bacteria by 69%. Moisten your microfibre cloth with a high quality disinfectant. Virox 5 is a good example. This combination of microfibre and Virox 5 is a great way to maintain a germ free environment on all touch surfaces, protecting your students and the equipment.

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