

### RCS D Protocol for the use of Hand Sanitizer

#### Parent Notification

Notification will be sent to parents advising them to review the following information with their child:

- A small dime-sized dollop of hand sanitizer is all that is needed
- Rub over their hands until the gel is dry
- Refrain from touching their faces, eyes, nose, or mouth while their hands are wet.

If the parent does not wish to allow a child to use hand sanitizer products other than soap and water, the parent will educate their child and notify the school nurse.

The District will maintain a list of students opting out of hand sanitizer use and distribute the names of those students to appropriate classroom teachers. Student's not using hand sanitizer will wash hands with soap and water, if available and feasible, when other students are using hand sanitizer.

#### Product Distribution and Use

Teachers/Staff may directly dispense sanitizer products onto students' hands. If hands are visibly soiled, the student should wash with soap and water, if available, rather than a hand sanitizer.

Students with open cuts on the hands will wash with soap and water instead of using the hand sanitizer, which may cause stinging/discomfort. The teacher will refer children with any complaints of hand or eye irritation or other apparent sensitivity to the school nurse, who then will monitor students for adverse reactions (swelling, redness, or rash). The school nurse will provide instructions to the student, parent, and teacher to discontinue product use on any indication of adverse reaction.

#### Appropriate Times for Use

The following is a partial list of appropriate times to use hand sanitizer:

Immediately after entering the classroom	After sneezing/coughing in the classroom
Before and after using computer keyboards and mice	After blowing the nose/touching inside the nostrils or mouth
Before or after eating	After touching a person who is ill
Before/after touching wounds or cuts	After touching animals

#### Procedure for Use

Students will be instructed as follows:

1. The teacher or student will pump a "dime" sized amount into the palm (one pump).
2. The student will rub hands together in a normal washing motion, covering all surfaces of the hands, especially the fingertips/nails, until they are completely dry.
3. The teacher will remind students to keep their hands away from the face (eyes, nose, and mouth)

**NOTE: Alcohol-based hand sanitizer is not effective for eliminating food allergen residue. Handwashing with soap and warm water is required for the removal of food allergens.**

#### First Aid Recommendations

The school nurse will post emergency and first aid procedures in the school Health Office and provide a copy to the staff upon request. The teacher will contact the school nurse for first aid emergencies, including:

Eye Contact:	Do not rub eyes. Flush eyes thoroughly with water for 15 minutes. If condition worsens or irritation persists, contact physician.
Skin Contact:	Not applicable.
Inhalation:	Not applicable.
Ingestion:	Do not induce vomiting. Contact a physician or Poison Control Center.

  
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