

Lakewood School District

Guidelines for

HAND SANITIZER USE

Due to the recent outbreak of Swine Flu in the US, the use of Hand Sanitizers within the district is now an acceptable practice. Hand sanitizers are an excellent back up means of providing sanitation, especially when soap and water is not available or is inconvenient.

Student use:

- Students in Middle School and High School will be permitted to carry hand sanitizer at their parent's discretion. It will be staff responsibility to be alert to proper use (see below). Misuse could lead to disciplinary action.
- Students in the elementary grades should not carry hand sanitizer due to the potential for alcohol poisoning, but it would be permissible to have a classroom supply that is squirted into their palm by the teacher or other adult.

Guidelines:

- Hand sanitizer should not be used if hands are visibly soiled.
- Students should be supervised to ensure proper use (rubbed in thoroughly, not used on soiled hands, be careful not to get in eyes, allow to dry thoroughly before using hands)
- Hand sanitizer bottles should never be left in reach of students, especially in elementary classrooms. Please keep it in a closed cabinet out of reach of students when not in use. This doesn't make it as convenient for you, but it makes it safer for our student population (and will prevent wasteful use).

General hygiene reminders:

- Avoid touching mouth, nose and eyes with your hands. This is the most common way of transmitting germs.
- Cover coughs/sneezes with elbow or cloth. Wash hands/use sanitizer immediately after a cough or sneeze.
- Stay home if you are sick! Do not come to school for 24 hours after a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, productive cough, or sore throat.

Please note: Due to budget constraints, Lakewood School District will be supplying Hand Sanitizer to school health rooms only at this time.

Frequent hand washing with soap and water remains the first line of defense for transmitting germs from person-to-person. Hand sanitizers are proven to prevent transmission and spread of disease, but should not replace the practice of frequent and thorough hand washing.