

Parents, Students and Staff of the PCSD Community,

In light of the global pandemic, we will be utilizing the use of hand sanitizers that are alcohol based in spaces within our school environments and transportation. Common areas, classrooms, school busses and other spaces will have hand sanitizer dispensers for all to use in our buildings. Our theme regarding COVID 19 will be “Clean In and Clean Out.” When you enter a space, clean your hands and when you are leaving a space, clean your hands. Hand washing using soap and water is always the preferred method but we also recognize that having students in lines and in bathrooms is not ideal during this time. Because of that, classrooms will have hand sanitizer pumps for easy access and for continued use. Hand Sanitizer expectations will be taught and supported by classroom teachers. Students will be supervised during the use of hand sanitizer in the classrooms.

Expectations:

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.

Students with visibly soiled hands will be instructed to use soap and water. 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.

If a 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 for further discussions and concerns. Student's not using hand sanitizer will wash hands with soap and water, if available and feasible, when other students are using hand sanitizer.

The Director of Facilities will maintain a copy of the “safety Data Sheet” per district hazardous materials requirement in alignment with OSHA and PESH.

Appropriate Times for Use of 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.
- 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.

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