Providing safe environments throughout our District is Walled Lake Custodial Services #1 priority and each custodian has been trained on the proper method for disinfecting. Please know that the health and safety of everyone who enters our District facilities is paramount. To that end, we will continue to follow appropriate cleaning procedures and take preventative measures in an effort to limit the possibility of illness.

**Hand Sanitizer**

Last April we started installing several foaming alcohol instant hand sanitizer dispensing units in all of our buildings and positioned these hand sanitizer dispensers in strategic locations for easy use. We also supplied Hand Washing Best Practice posters to serve as a reminder of the importance of hand washing.

Remember hand sanitizer should be used when soap and water are not available and should not be used as a replacement for soap and water.

**Disinfecting**

On September 15, 2009 the information below was provided to each custodial team as a reminder of the high priority areas to be disinfected.

**Disinfecting Procedures**

A. Allow ten minute dwell time when disinfecting. In order for any disinfectant to properly work, a surface must be wet with a diluted disinfectant for at least ten minutes.

B. Spartan's #103 Neutral Disinfectant is used as the primary disinfectant in WLCSD.

Regardless of activities in a given facility the following areas and surfaces must be disinfected everyday:

1. All Rest Rooms.
2. All Shower Areas.
3. Pool Decks
4. All kitchens and surrounding areas.
5. All cafeterias, tables, benches, counter tops.
6. All sinks & surrounding counters, faucets, water fixtures, toilets, urinals, dispensers and hand dryers.
7. Locker Rooms.
8. Drinking Fountains

   - Hand rails, push plates and door knobs should be disinfected.
   - Please make it high priority to communicate with your front office (attendance) on a daily basis as to the absenteeism count. One way to help keep health related absenteeism low, is to monitor count and effected areas of a facility.
   - Student Desks/Tables are to be cleaned/ disinfected at least one time per week by the assigned custodian. Students should not be allowed to use disinfectants as disinfectants are considered pesticides by the EPA.

**Sani Guard Fogger (Sanitizer)**

This product is new to WLCSD and gives us the advantage of completely sanitizing an area up to 25’X25’ in 15–20 minutes. This product is EPA registered and safe for use in educational settings. We will only use this product when there are several areas that need to be completely sanitized in a short period of time.
Advanced Disinfecting

Bacterial control technology is always changing and WLCS is currently investigating the possibility of applying a disinfectant to all key touch points throughout our District. This product would only need to be applied one – two times per year and would provide complete elimination of bacteria 24/7 on all surfaces applied. Three of our facilities Walnut Creek, Walled Lake Central and Meadowbrook Elementary had site visits conducted on September 28, 2009 by representatives from HyGenesis. The intent was to collect touch point data and then supply WLCS with a proposal. We hope to have a proposal in hand by the end of next week at the latest and I will keep you informed.

I hope this information will be beneficial with answering questions that might arise regarding:
~ Cleaning & Disinfecting Protocol
~ What preventative measures are being taken to insure a healthy and safe environment throughout WLCSD?
~ What new technology is WLCS researching beyond traditional disinfecting methods?

Please feel free to contact me at anytime with questions or concerns regarding WLCS protocols.

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