



Sacramento City Unified School District
Child Development Department

NON-ALCOHOL BASED HAND SANITIZER USE FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Policy and Procedure

Policy

“Staff, volunteers, and children must wash their hands with soap and running water at least at the following times: After diapering or toilet use, before food preparation, handling, consumption, or any other food-related activity (e.g., setting the table), whenever hands are contaminated with blood or other bodily fluids, and after handling pets or other animals.” Head Start Policy 1304.22 (e) (i)

“Due to the risk of alcohol toxicity in young children with the use of alcohol- based sanitizers, all alcohol-based hand sanitizers are to be banned from use in all preschool classrooms.” SCUSD Health Services; SETA, Brenda Campos, 11/30/12

“Non-alcohol based hand sanitizers may be used as an exception when running water and soap are not readily available. These exceptions apply to preschool field trips, and to any classroom site where a sink with running water and soap is not in close proximity to the toilets.” SCUSD Health Services; SETA, Brenda Campos, 11/30/12

Procedure

IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Always keep hand sanitizer away from children’s reach
- Keep hand sanitizer in original container with original product label
- Always provide adult supervision when using this product on children
- Adult supervision must be maintained until sanitizing product on children’s hands is completely dry
- Be aware that non-alcohol based hand sanitizer will take longer to dry on hands than alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Teach children to keep their hands away from their face, especially the mouth and eye area, even after sanitizing product is dry
- Use sanitizer product only on hands and not on other parts of the body
- Never apply hand sanitizer to a non-intact skin surface, such as wounds, burns or rashes

- Use with caution on any child with history of skin sensitivity, such as eczema, since hand sanitizer product may aggravate existing skin conditions
- Skin irritation and redness can result from overuse of hand sanitizer
- An insufficient amount of hand sanitizer, or an insufficient application time will result in suboptimal germ kill
- Hand sanitizers will not remove dirt and grime from hands
- Non-alcohol based hand sanitizer has not been proven effective in eradicating all sources of germ-causing illness
- The window of germ protection after hand sanitizer use is very short, possibly lasting from a few minutes up to 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

1. Adult will dispense 1-2 pumps of foaming hand sanitizer into palm of child's hand.
2. Hands should be dry before application.
3. Instruct child to rub hands together wetting all surface areas of the hands, including between fingers and around nail beds.
4. Encourage child to continue this process for at least 30 seconds.
5. The child's hands should be completely dry before touching anything.
6. An adult should observe entire application process until hand sanitizer completely dry.
7. Staff should observe child's hands closely for signs of itching, irritation or inflammation.
8. For children with poor motor control, adult may first dispense hand sanitizer in their own hands, then apply to child's hands.

FIRST AID MEASURES

1. In case of contact with eyes, rinse immediately with plenty of water. Contact parent immediately, request they seek medical care from child's physician.
2. Should skin irritation occur, discontinue use. Wash hand sanitizer off with copious amounts of water and mild soap. Contact parent as soon as possible. Encourage medical follow-up with child's physician if redness or irritation persists for more than 72 hours.
3. If hand sanitizer ingested, call Poison Control Center immediately and follow treatment advice. If Emergency Care advised, call 911, then contact parent immediately. Do not induce vomiting unless advised to do so by Poison Control.

POISON CONTROL: 1-800- 222-1222

ORDERING INFORMATION

1. **The only district-approved hand sanitizer is: “Clario Alcohol Free Foaming Hand Sanitizer” by Betco Corporation.**
2. Complete Child Development Department Custodial (Clean Source) Order Form, upper and lower portion.
3. Select Product # 427785, “Waterless hand sanitizer, foam, no alcohol”, specify quantity requested
4. Submit order form to Shelagh Ferguson, phone 643-7878, fax 399-2057.

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