

Hand Hygiene Protocol

Studies have shown that hand washing and personal hygiene are the important measures a person can use to prevent illness and communicable disease. Many germs can live for long periods on tables, counters, and other hard surfaces. Hand washing with soap and warm water for a minimum of twenty (20) seconds, paying close attention to the surfaces between the fingers and on the back of the hands, is best for removing dirt and germs. The proper use of hand sanitizers is also useful in controlling the spread of germs.

Students and Staff will wash their hands with soap & water;

- After using the rest room
- If their hands are visibly soiled
- If the student or staff member has encountered chemicals or other items, such as soil, in a science lab, art room, vocational facility, or other educational venue that soils hands
- If the student or staff members encounter chemicals during cleaning the school environment
- After cleaning animal habitats or handling animals
- Before and after each task when preparing food in any class such as family science or integrated class
- After athletic practices and games
- If the student or staff member has encountered bodily fluids (e.g. blood, nasal discharge, mucous from coughing, etc.)

Hand sanitizers may be used when the student's hands are not visibly soiled and cleaning is needed from:

- Sneezing or coughing
 - Before and after eating
 - After recess
 - Before and after using the computer or other items used by other students
 - In modular unit, temporary classrooms or where hand washing facilities are not readily available
- ◇ Hand washing signs will be posted throughout the school.
- ◇ Hand sanitizers dispensers will be located in all classrooms, in the cafeteria, and at all main school entrances.
- ◇ Soap, warm water and towels or an air dryer will be located at all hand washing areas.
- ◇ The school will provide education in hand washing and hand hygiene at least once every school year.

AIDS Policy

Children with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) enrolled or seeking enrollment in Grades 1 – 8 shall be permitted to attend school or parish religious education programs in a regular classroom setting if: (1) the health of the child, as documented by his/her physician, allows participation in regular academic school activities, and (2) the child behaves acceptably, in a manner that would not cause spread of the disease or in any way put others at risk, and (3) the child does not have open sores, skin eruptions or any other condition which prevents his/her control of bodily secretions, and (4) there are periodic evaluations of the child's physical condition with written certification from his/her physician allowing continuing participation in regular academic school activities.

In Parish Elementary Schools, the Pastor and the Principal will confer with the appropriate persons and consult with the Regional Superintendent before the Pastor makes the final decision on each case in the parish school. Parents and guardians have the obligation to report to the school administration when any child has been diagnosed as having AIDS, ARC (AIDS Related Complex) or other illness caused by HIV (human deficiency virus, the virus that causes AIDS, also known as HTLVIII or LAV). In order to protect confidentiality when a child with AIDS is admitted to school, personnel who are made aware of the child's condition will be the minimum necessary to assure proper care of the child. Based on the condition of the child and the expected type of interaction with others, the Principal, after consultation with the proper authorities, may limit the child's participation in school activities. A student with AIDS who is excluded from school shall be provided with an alternative means of catechetical instruction.