



Hand Hygiene Program

Your Link to Healthier Schools



Hand Hygiene is Essential to a Healthy Learning Environment

- Illness is responsible for more than 144 million lost school days per year¹
- Absenteeism can cause lost learning opportunities that impact student achievement



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How Do You Fit This Critical Program into a Busy School Day?

- Hand Hygiene – Vital to success but difficult to achieve
 - With all the demands of a busy school day, proper hand hygiene isn't easy
 - Soap and water may not be available in the classroom, and restroom visits after each cough or sneeze aren't practical



Keeping Students Ready and Able to Learn

- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), hand hygiene is one of the most important steps in preventing illness and spreading germs to others

How often do your students leave their desks to wash their hands?



Make Good Hand Hygiene Part of Your Preparedness Plan

- The CDC and US Dept. of Health and Human Services advise schools to:
 - Encourage students to practice good hand hygiene
 - Provide an ample supply of easily accessible hand hygiene products, such as soap and water and alcohol-based hand sanitizers
 - Begin education on proper hand hygiene and cough etiquette immediately

Pro-Link Makes Hand Hygiene as Easy as 1, 2, 3

- Provide products, systems and education that encourage students to practice hand hygiene:
 1. PURELL® Instant Hand Sanitizer for convenient hand hygiene in the classrooms and common areas
 2. Pro-Link Foam Soap to encourage proper handwashing at each sink
 3. Effective hand hygiene education

PURELL® - America's #1 Hand Sanitizer

Now in a Non-Aerosol Foam

- Easy access to PURELL encourages hand hygiene when soap and water aren't available or convenient
- PURELL kills 99.99% of most common germs that may cause illness
- New foam formula encourages use
- Thick, rich foam stays in your hands



Results of a Comprehensive Hand Hygiene Program

- **Absenteeism was reduced by 51%** in classrooms that combined hand-hygiene education and regular use of PURELL®



Pro-Link Foam Hand Soap

- High-capacity, easy to use, factory sealed systems
- Luxury foam formulas encourage use
- New Pro-Link Green Certified Foam Soap is a highly effective, environmentally preferred handwashing formula



Is Bulk Soap Spreading Germs to Your Students and Faculty?

- A recent study² by the University of Arizona found that 25% of refillable bulk soap dispensers contain unsafe levels of bacterial contamination.
 - Coliforms, illness causing fecal-based organisms, were found in 16% of the samples
 - Average user gets over **one million** bacteria per use³ (more than an average toilet)
 - No bacterial contamination was found in soap dispensed from sealed systems



How Does Bulk Soap Get Contaminated?

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Bulk soap dispensers are open to the environment. Germs grow inside because it isn't practical for maintenance personnel to properly clean and sanitize them each time they are refilled. New soap becomes tainted as it is added to contaminated soap.

Bacteria may spread to unsuspecting users who *think* they are getting clean.
Bulk soap may compromise the health of your students...
and puts your school at risk.

“Every time someone washes their hands using soap from an open refillable reservoir dispenser, they are gambling with their health.”

University of Arizona Microbiologist Dr. Charles P. Gerba.

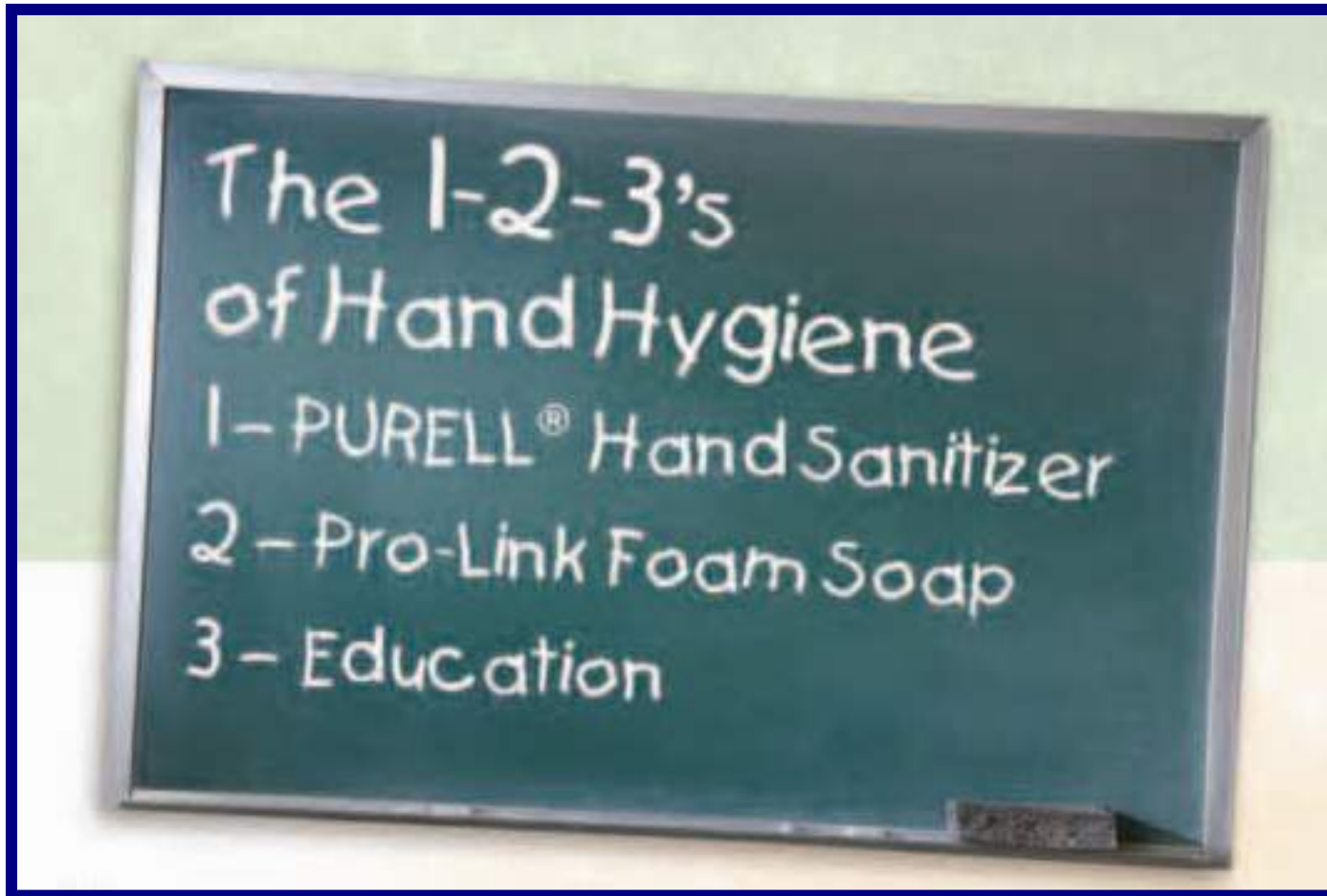


Make Wellness an Everyday Lesson

- The Pro-Link Hand Hygiene Program includes educational materials to make hand hygiene a regular part of your busy school day
 - Hand hygiene posters are available for classrooms and common areas



Summary: The 1-2-3's of Hand Hygiene



Other Resources

- Healthy Schools Healthy People
www.itsasnap.org
- NSF Scrub Club
www.scrubclub.org
- CDC
www.CDC.gov/flu
- US Department of Health and Human Services
www.pandemicful.gov