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## 2009 H1N1 Flu (Swine Influenza): Facility Operations and Maintenance



The Chicago Board of Education adopted a new Green Cleaning Policy on August 27, 2008 (08-0827-Po6)

The purpose of this policy is to comply with the Illinois Green Cleaning Schools Act (105 ILCS 140), which requires schools to exclusively purchase and use environmentally-sensitive cleaning supplies in accordance with the State of Illinois Guidelines and Specifications for the Green Cleaning Schools Act ("State Guidelines") and related provisions of the Illinois Administrative Code.

For cleaning supplies in the following categories, schools, area offices, central offices and Board facilities shall purchase and utilize environmentally sensitive cleaning products:

1. *Bathroom Cleaners*
2. *Carpet Cleaners*
3. *General Purpose and Hard floor Surface Cleaners*
4. *Glass, Window and Mirror Cleaners*
5. *Hand Cleaners and Hand Soaps*
6. *Paper Products*
7. Such other categories as may be identified in the State Guidelines

In collaboration with the Chicago Department of Public Health the following procedures must be followed regarding school operations and facilities management in response to the 2009 H1N1 Flu (Swine Influenza).

- Schools should promote Universal Precautions (i.e. hand washing, covering coughs, etc.) and regularly clean all areas and items that are more likely to have frequent hand contact (for example, desks and door handles).
- To view demonstrations of hand washing, covering coughs, etc. please visit <http://www.cps.edu/Spotlight/Pages/Spotlight123.aspx#cps>
- Schools should regularly clean all areas and items that are more likely to have frequent hand contact (for example, desks and door handles).
- Use of the cleaning agents that are usually used in these areas is acceptable. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) does not recommend any additional disinfection of environmental surfaces beyond the routine cleaning requirements.
- The Office of Specialized Services will provide each school with an initial supply/starter-kit of disposal thermometers for the purpose of confirming if the student has a fever (100 °F or higher).
- Schools should regularly update contact information for parents or guardians to ensure that they may be contacted more easily if they need to pick up their ill child.
- The Board will distribute an initial supply/starter-kit of the following supplies and materials in response to the 2009 H1N1 Flu (Swine Influenza):
  - One box (100 each) disposable thermometers per school
  - Two 8 oz. bottles of alcohol-based sanitizer per classroom per school
  - One box of facial tissue per classroom per school.
- Schools are responsible for arranging replenishment of these supplies on an ongoing basis. Supplies are available through the strategically sourced janitorial contracts. For more information regarding supplies and materials please contact Facility Operations and Maintenance at 773-553-2165.
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