The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is currently recommending:

- frequent hand washing with soap and water
- routine cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces

Deep cleaning, proactive cleaning or other specialized cleaning processes are not being recommended at this time.

Encourage hand washing by students and staff.

Consider scheduling a time for handwashing by students in groups.

Post signs to educate on appropriate handwashing steps.

Schools should follow standard procedures for routine cleaning and disinfecting with an EPA-registered product and follow label directions. This typically means:

- daily sanitizing of surfaces and objects that are touched often, such as bathrooms, water coolers, doorknobs, bannisters, countertops, faucet handles, phones, desks, computer keyboards, hands-on learning items, toys, mirrors, and furniture in cafeteria, lobby and nurse’s office

Provide adequate supplies for good hygiene, including easy access to clean and functional handwashing stations, soap, water, paper towels, or alcohol-based hand sanitizer and receptacles for disposal. This also includes tissues and no-touch trash cans.

Hand sanitizer is similar to soap and not a pesticide; therefore, it is not regulated by the Department of Pesticide Regulations.

Follow state and federal regulations, including Integrated Pest Management and the Healthy Schools Act, which aim to avoid introducing chemicals and pesticides into classrooms as they present a potential hazard to staff and students and/or trigger allergic reactions or asthma. Sanitizers and disinfectants can only be applied by properly trained personnel such as custodial staff.

Review communicable disease policies, district and school emergency/crisis response and safe schools plan.

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