

Screening

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Important

If it appears that the child requires immediate medical attention, staff will inform parent / guardian that the child will be taken to the hospital by ambulance for examination by legally qualified medical practitioners.

Ensuring that all environmental conditions are monitored is essential in prevention and re

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Sanitary Precautions

Policy

All BHMS staff must maintain routine infection prevention and control practices as well as adhere to sanitary precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Procedures

BHMS staff must be trained and able to assist children on hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette, including the use of alcohol-based hand rubs.

Hand Hygiene is incorporated into daily classroom routines at regular intervals during the day.

Staff are required to wash their hands with soap and warm water frequently, and in the following situations:

When they arrive at

Note: Hand sanitizer must only be used on children who are over the age of two and must be used under staff supervision. Staff must ensure that the product has completely evaporated from the child's hands before allowing the child to continue their activity.

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Policy and Procedure Review

Disinfecting Surfaces

For general environmental disinfection of high touch surfaces use the disinfectant mix. Disinfectant wipes (containing Accelerated Hydrogen Peroxide),

Policy Statement

BHMS is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students, staff and families
BHMS will take every reasonable precaution to prevent the risk of communicable diseases within the school.

Purpose

To ensure that all staff are aware of, and adhere to, the prescribed by Ottawa Public Health, and its licensing bodies.

Application

This policy applies to all staff, students, community members, and any other persons engaged in business with BHMS.

Definitions

Hand Hygiene is a term that refers to any action of hand cleaning. Hand hygiene relates to the removal of visible soil and removal or killing of transient microorganisms from the hands. Hand hygiene may be accomplished using soap and running water or a hand sanitizer, 70-90% alcohol based. Hand washing with soap and running water must be performed when hands are visibly soiled.

Procedures

Hands carry and spread germs. Touching your eyes, nose, mouth, sneezing or coughing into your hands may provide an opportunity for germs to get into your body or spread to others. Keeping your hands clean through good hygiene practice is one of the most important steps to avoid getting sick and spreading germs.

Staff and children must practice good hand hygiene when hands are visibly dirty or after:

- Sneezing, coughing, or blowing your nose
- Using the washroom
- Handling garbage
- Outdoor play
- Toileting/diapering routine
- Handling soiled laundry, dishes, materials or other items
- Coming into contact with bodily fluids

Hand Sanitizing

When hands are not visibly dirty, a 70-90% alcohol-based hand sanitizer can be used. It is important to rub hands together for at least 15 seconds and work the sanitizer between fingers, back of hands, fingertips and under nails.

Hand sanitizers can only be used on children who are over the age of two and must be used under adult supervision. Staff must ensure that the product has completely evaporated from the child's hands before allowing the child to continue their activity.

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