



# Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic Forces Heightened Need to Address Cross-Contamination and Absenteeism

Illness is one of the TOP reasons for missing school











#### Impact of Absenteeism<sup>1</sup>

- Loss of funding to schools
- Additional cost such as payment to substitute teachers
- Lower performance of students

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#### **INSIGHTS INTO ACTION**

## **Taking Hand Hygiene to the Next Level**

These new realities call for a thorough review of educational facilities, equipment and attention to frequently touched, and therefore shared, surfaces.

- Ensuring Student & Teacher Safety with more frequent and effective hand hygiene practices
- Upgrades to Facilities' Layouts and Operations that teach and enable social distancing
- More Easy & Convenient Access to Hygiene Products such as sanitizer & hand washing stations
  to help everyone practice increased adherence to CDC guidelines

## Trending Information to Help Your Educational Facility Prepare

HHS and CDC recommend continuous promotion and facilitation of infection control measures, proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette throughout educational facilities.

- Higher Ed: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/colleges-universities/index.html
- K-12: CDC guidance for Administrators of US K-12 Schools & Child Care Programs www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-schools.html



#### **OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD**

### **Ways that Can Help Reduce Exposure & Cross-Contamination**

Having been an integral and long-term supplier to virtually all major school systems and universities throughout the U.S., GP PRO (Georgia-Pacific) has a full range of solutions for your institution to consider and to help upgrade all parts of your facilities:

#### **Touchless Towel, Soap and Sanitizer Dispensers**



#### Your hygiene advantage:

- Convert to automated touchless dispensing in restrooms and other high traffic areas, eliminating manual dispensers to reduce common touch points
- Add touchless sanitizing dispensers to facilitate maximum hand hygiene compliance

#### **Closed Soap Systems**



#### Your hygiene advantage:

• Sealed refill bottles to help reduce the risk of cross-contamination

#### **Disposable Bath Towels and Wipes**



#### Your opportunity areas:

 Have maintenance staff change from reusable cleaning cloths or rags to disposable cloth replacements

#### **Efficient Sanitizing Solutions**



#### Your hygiene advantage:

 Look for not only 'hot spots' that might be a source for cross contamination, but make sure your current regiment for sanitation & disinfecting offers maximum effectiveness and ease-of-use

#### **Unique Foodservice Disposables and Dispensing Systems**



#### Your opportunity areas:

 Replace any permanent ware cups and plates with disposable throughout your facility



## One Source, Countless Benefits

Educators looking to save time and money, and reduce complexity, can consolidate solutions with GP PRO:

- One source for sales support
- One common look
- One key for all dispensers
- One installation process

## **Support for Success**

As you take next steps, we encourage you to reference one of these useful guides to assist in your planning:

- Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19 (OSHA/CDC)
- Education Hygiene Checklist (GP PRO)

Here's to helping you develop a safer, more hygienic environment! Please contact your GP PRO representative for additional support and assistance.







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