

Hand Sanitizer Opt-Out Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hand washing is one of the most effective ways to prevent COVID-19 and other illnesses, and when your students return to school, they will be asked to wash their hands throughout the school day to help keep themselves and others healthy. Hand washing is the preferred method for removing germs however, soap and water are not always readily available. When handwashing is not possible, students will be asked to use hand sanitizer at school; 60% or greater alcohol-based hand sanitizers work by killing certain germs that “sit” on the skin.

Hand sanitizers are considered to be over the counter (OTC) medications. This is to notify you that you have the ability to opt your child out of using hand sanitizer at school. If you DO NOT want your child to use hand sanitizer during the school day, please send a signed and dated paper copy of the sentence below to your child’s school nurse:

I do not want my child, (insert child’s name), to use hand sanitizer during the school day.

If you consent to have your student use hand sanitizer at school, no further action is necessary.

Sincerely,

Donna Conso MSN, RN