Infection Prevention
School Partnership
by Dr. Will Sawyer and the Henry the Hand® Foundation

Purpose:

• Reduce student and staff absenteeism due to infections.
• Train life long practitioners of the 4 Principles of Hand Awareness who will work in health care, food service, public health military and other careers where it is critical to be more “Hand Aware”.
• Train the school community to be more “Hand Aware” in order to prevent the spread of respiratory and gastro-intestinal diseases during the school year.
• Teach the school community about the significance of the eyes, nose and mouth mucous membranes for infection prevention; the only portal of entry for ALL respiratory and gastro-intestinal disease. “Do not touch the T Zone.”

“This Partnership has been designed to reduce the impact of infections that annually threaten the health of your school community by providing the necessary Infection Prevention Tools in the Tool Kit and “coaching support” to follow through.

There are many innovative habit changing strategies and educational techniques that have been integrated into this science based Infection Prevention Partnership. For example, Positive Deviance, Social Marketing, Humor, Animation, repetition, situational awareness, visual cues and the Johns Hopkins Partnership 2000 Model for Successful Schools engaging families.”

Remember “a healthy student is a better learner.”

Will Sawyer, MD
International Infection Prevention expert

Spread the word not the germs!”

To get started in the Partnership, visit Henry’s Store at http://www.henrythehand.com.

Or, if you would like more information, please call (513) 769-HAND (4263) to speak with an Infection Prevention Advocate.
Who:

- The Infection Prevention School Partnership is a comprehensive program with coaching support between the Henry the Hand® Foundation and the school champion to ensure the best outcome. The Henry the Hand® Foundation is committed to decrease the incidence of infectious diseases by educating and empowering individuals on how to protect themselves, their school, family and communities by integrating the 4 Principles of Hand Awareness into their personal hand hygiene behavior. For more than 17 years, Dr. Will Sawyer and his team have been promoting true primary infection prevention techniques and strategies that are proven to reduce the spread of respiratory and gastro-intestinal diseases.
- “Coaching support” for the school will make a difference in the outcome!
- This Partnership provides the curriculum guide, Tool Kit and the support necessary to make it simple for anyone to teach the Hand Awareness program.
- This Partnership is self explanatory and is based upon the 4 Principles of Hand Awareness, which were endorsed by the AMA and the AAFP in 2001.
- The school will need to identify a “Champion” to oversee the implementation of the Partnership throughout the school or district.

Program can be demonstrated by:

- School Nurse
- Teacher
- Teacher’s Aide
- Education Assistant
- Environmental Services
- Wellness Committee Member
- Parent
- College Student
- High School Student
- Middle School Student
- Health Care professional
- Other Community Members

What:

- This science based multi-media and multi-sensory behavior modification training program will benefit the health of every student and staff in the school.

This is not just a handwashing program. It is about Hand Awareness, which is defined as hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and cross contamination awareness.

After having implemented the Infection Prevention Partnership during the school year the school will be eligible for certification if meets 7 of 10 criteria.

Criteria for the certification include:

- Classroom presentation and demonstrations be done during scheduled weeks, at least 3 times a year.
- Maintenance of posting reinforcement tools (posters and static clings) throughout the school.
- Competition in and between classrooms promoted at least 3 times per year.
- Information sent home and shared with the families of the students.
- If certified, agreement to be listed as a Certified Infection Prevention School in the media or our communications.
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Infection Prevention Tool Kit for School Partners

This kit provides the tools needed to teach and start reinforcing the Hand Awareness program in a school of approximately 500 students.

The Infection Prevention Tool Kit utilizes Henry the Hand® as the change agent which makes teaching Hand Awareness (hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette and cross contamination) simple, fun and memorable.

Another attribute is its simplicity. A curriculum guide is included so anyone can present and demonstrate the 4 Principles of Hand Awareness Program.

The teaching demonstrations are completed within 15 to 30 minutes.

The Infection Prevention School Partnership includes:

- Tool Kit with contents shown above
- Monthly eNews emailed to the School Champion
- Coaching Support for the School Champion

Contents:

- 3000 (2.5”) Champion Handwasher stickers
- 150 T Zone Stickers
- 1500 water soluble Tattoos
- 10 Handwashing Guide Static Cling Sink Reminders
- School Visit DVD (3.5 minute action packed teaching tool video)
- CD of Songs (Doin’ the Handwash and Henry the Hand® Theme Song)
- 4 Germ Potion (8 oz bottles)
- 1 LED black light
- 1 Respiratory Etiquette Atomizer (spray bottle)
- 1 Henry the Hand Puppet
- 1 Nail Brush
- 1 Henry the Hand Foaming Soap (one 8 oz bottle)
- 1 Activity Book
- 1 Classroom Handwashing Chart
- 1 Home Handwashing Chart
- 4 posters (Do Not Touch the T-Zone, 4 Principles, Germs on Your Hands and Handwashing Guide)
- Curriculum Guide to help you use these tools to most effectively teach and reinforce the Hand Awareness Program
- A letter to parents is included in the Tool Kit so they will be aware of the Infection Prevention Partnership and take part in reinforcing the 4 Principles of Hand Awareness at home.
- Any of the above printed items can be duplicated and distributed throughout the school for this Partnership.

Remember: a presentation, without demonstration, is merely a conversation
Knowledge and repetition are key to achieving effective behavior change

This program should be taught 3 or more times each school year.

- **September** - “Back to School” during International Clean Hands Week to initiate proper hand awareness behavior for the school year
- **December** - National Handwashing Awareness Week before the holidays to remind everyone of handwashing hygiene
- **March** - Patient Safety Awareness Week in the spring (team up with a hospital or health system)

The **Classroom Handwashing Chart** serves as a continual reinforcement tool and friendly competition instrument both in and between classrooms.

The **posters** and **mirror static clings** should be placed throughout the school for continual reinforcement.

### Monthly Infection Prevention Partnership eNews

These emails will be sent to the Champion to help remind and coach them as they oversee the program implementation.

- Discuss the upcoming teaching or reinforcement strategies and techniques.
- Highlight tips from schools that are implementing the Infection Prevention Program.

### Coaching Support

Joining in this partnership includes access by phone or email with the Henry the Hand® Foundation’s Infection Prevention Advocates. This will help ensure success for the school to maintain a healthier learning environment through the training of infection prevention techniques.

- September for International Clean Hands Week campaign.
- November for December National Handwashing Awareness Week campaign.
- February for the March Patient Safety Awareness Week campaign.

They will also include new ideas and activities for the December and March campaigns.

### Conclusion

This Infection Prevention School Partnership is the most effective program on the market to maintain a healthier learning environment for students and staff. The value for this Partnership to the school community is worth tens of thousands of dollars. It is available for only $995.

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