

GMCS Proper Handwashing Campaign “Keep Calm and Wash Your Hands” - CDC

GMCS Nursing department works each year with the local Public Health Offices to promote the health of all of our students. Our proactive measures include flu shots within the district and working closely with NM Department of Health (NMDOH) on updates on student health. The Nursing Department follows protocol established by the NMDOH for all illnesses, which includes the coronavirus.

Annually all schools receive proper handwashing technique posters from school nurses and health assistants. School site health staff are always encouraged to teach proper handwashing techniques to students.

In addition to current preventative measures, we will be initiating a handwashing campaign in alignment with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) “Keep Calm and Wash Your Hands” to be introduced on 3/13 prior to Spring Break and revisited on 3/23 upon return from Spring Break.



Plan of Action

Thursday, March 12, 2020

- Principals will be notified via e-mail about how to prepare for the mandatory handwashing campaign by 8:30am.
 - All staff will receive links for a CDC video for proper handwashing and additional handwashing/sanitizing information at 1pm
 - Principal receives form that all teachers have to sign acknowledging that they have taught this to their students on March 13
 - Nurses and Health Assistants will assure signs are available and displayed for appropriate “Cover your Cough” and “Handwashing” Procedures
- School site staff will receive specific information at 1:00 pm about the mandatory handwashing lesson on March 13 and on March 23
 - Link to handwashing video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3PmVJQUCm4E>
 - Link for additional handwashing information at <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/>

Friday, March 13

- By 9:00 am, all teachers will teach handwashing techniques to all students.
- Students will sign their teacher's rosters to document this lesson.
- By Friday noon, all principals will submit an electronic verification with signatures of teachers' delivery of proper handwashing techniques in all classrooms to Dr. Pauletta White at pwhite@gmcs.org

Monday, March 23, 2020

- On March 23 by 9:00 am, all school sites will be teaching proper handwashing techniques using the above information.

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

- By 9:00 am, all school sites will be re-teaching proper handwashing techniques for the students who are absent on March 24
- Principal to send electronic verification form with staff signatures to Dr. Pauletta White at noon.