

Handwashing Resources



Young Children

Handwashing ToolKit — www.health.state.mn.us

Build your own toolkit for teaching ages 3-6, with activity ideas, discussion questions and book list.
Minnesota Department of Health

Cathy Abraham's Curriculum — www.units4teachers.com/PDF/handwashing.pdf

Ideas to encourage handwashing, including bulletin board tips, songs, jokes, finger plays and others.

Sink Those Germs: Wash Your Hands! — lancaster.unl.edu

Bean bag game, activity sheets and education ideas for young children.
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

School Age Children

Buzz on Scuzz — www.bam.gov

Learn about how germs on your hands can make you sick, when you should wash your hands, and the ins and outs of handwashing. *Centers for Disease Control & Prevention*

Henry the Hand — www.henryhand.com

Tool kit that includes curriculum, science projects and more. In addition the site offers interactive handwashing songs and videos, coloring pages, and posters.

Scrub Club — www.scrubclub.org

Interactive handwashing games and songs, computer wallpaper, screensavers, coloring sheets and posters. *NSF International*

Glo Germ — www.glogerm.com

Free downloadable worksheets for kindergarten through 6th grades in English and French. Black ultraviolet lights, Glo Germ lotion and powder are available to buy from this company.

School Network for Absenteeism Prevention — www.itsasnap.org

This website targets middle school youth and features free tool kit resources for teachers and nurses that include handwashing research findings. *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

Be a Soaper Hero — www.uwyo.edu/soaperhero

Activities student can do on the site, such as videos, coloring sheets, mazes and games, as well as a teacher tool kits. *University of Wyoming*

Germ City — www.germcity.wsu.edu

Science-based, education exhibit and program designed for use at fairs, festivals, elementary and middle schools, food service operations, and health care facilities. It is appealing to youth, teens, and adults.
USDA developed, example program—Washington State University

Massachusetts Department of Public Health — www.mass.gov

Handwashing lesson plans for kindergarten through sixth grade.

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General Campaigns

Spread the Message, Not a Disease — <http://www.uchd.net>

Posters, decals, flyers, videos and more on handwashing and covering your cough. *Union County Health Department and partners.*

Infection: Don't Pass it On — <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/InfectionDontPassItOn/>

Campaign materials to wash hands and cover your cough, posters, flyers, buttons, stickers, tray liners and brochures for public and healthcare. *US Dept. of Veteran Affairs*

Fifth Guy — <http://www.fifthguy.com/campaign.htm>

Series of funny video clips, PSA and ads to illustrate a simple point – most people respect certain hygienic norms. They stay home when they are sick. They cover their cough with their arm or a tissue. And they wash their hands, especially after using the restroom.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health — www.mass.gov/

Materials for general public, food handlers, healthcare professionals, including brochures, ads, video, PSAs, news articles, posters and fact sheets.

Wash Up Campaign — <http://www.washup.org>

Educational materials designed for healthcare professionals and consumers including posters, a brochure, stickers. *American Society for Microbiology*

Additional Resources Specifically For...

Childcare

Columbus Public Health – Childcare Center Resources — www.publichealth.columbus.gov

Cleaning, preventing spread, and communicable disease prevention tools.

Child Care Health Consultants at Nationwide Children's Hospital — www.occrra.org

Assisting child care providers with health and safety issues. On-site education on request, serving Franklin, Fairfield, Delaware and Knox Counties. Call (614) 355-0667 or 355-0668.

Healthcare

Columbus Public Health — www.publichealth.columbus.gov

Patient education tools, posters, and parent handouts.

Hand Hygiene, CDC — www.cdc.gov/Handhygiene/

CDC's Healthcare Infection Control Practices

Ounce of Prevention, CDC — www.cdc.gov/ounceofprevention/

Resources about handwashing, cleaning and disinfection, and other easy-to-follow steps, aimed at educating a broad consumer and professional audience.

Infection: Don't Pass it On — www.publichealth.va.gov/InfectionDontPassItOn/

Campaign materials promoting handwashing among people working in patient care.

Pool Operators

Columbus Public Health – Water Protection — www.publichealth.columbus.gov

Posters, decals, and tools for patron education

Swimmer Protection, CDC — www.cdc.gov/healthySwimming/swimmer_protection.htm

Information and resources to raise awareness about recreational water illnesses and how to prevent them by practicing "Healthy Swimming" behaviors.