

## Handwashing and Hand Sanitizing Stations

Handwashing removes pathogens from the surface of the hands. While handwashing with soap and water is the best option, alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60% ethanol or at least 70% isopropanol) may be utilized when handwashing is not available.

Provide handwashing or hand sanitizing stations in the following common areas and ensure there are enough supplies (soap and sanitizer) at all times to accommodate frequent hand washing and sanitizing:

- All entries and exits
- In bathrooms
- In classrooms
- In libraries and shared activity spaces
- Next to meal distribution and consumption areas
- Next to water fountains that require touch to operate
- Next to mask break areas (if additional mask break areas are identified)

Given the importance of maximizing handwashing and sanitization stations, it may be permissible to have students within 3 feet of distance for a brief period of time (20 seconds) during hand washing as long as masks are worn and students are not directly facing one another. This will permit all sinks in a bathroom to be used even if closer than 3 feet apart.