



## Controlling the Spread of Enterovirus D68 in School Settings

The following link contains general information and recommendations to control the spread of Enterovirus D68: <http://www.cdc.gov/non-polio-enterovirus/about/EV68-infographic.html#>

The Department has additional recommendations and reminders for school settings:

### Hand Washing

- All staff and students should wash their hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds. At a minimum, hand washing should occur at the following times:
  - Before handling food
  - Before and after meals and snacks
  - After using the bathroom
  - Before and after touching items that are frequently touched, i.e. computer keyboards, door knobs etc.
  - At any time hands become contaminated
- Hand sanitizer may be used in addition to hand washing *but should not replace washing hands with soap and water.*

### Disease Control Measures

- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick
- Staff and students with respiratory illness, including fever, excessive coughing or not feeling well enough to participate in regular activities, should be excluded or sent home if already at school.

### Cleaning Surfaces

- All surfaces should continue to be cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected as required.
- Commonly touched surfaces should be sanitized daily.
- Staff should pay extra attention in cleaning surfaces that are frequently touched.
- Any surface contaminated with mucous or other body fluids should be disinfected.

As EV-D68 is a non-enveloped virus, environmental disinfection of surfaces in school settings should be performed using a hospital-grade disinfectant with an EPA label claim for any of several non-enveloped viruses (e.g. norovirus, poliovirus, and rhinovirus). Disinfectant products should be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions for the specific label claim, i.e. specified concentration and contact time.

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/han/han00369.asp>

Contact your local health department if you have questions or are seeing higher than normal absentee rates due to respiratory illness.

