Washing recommendations

CDC changes their COVID-19 handwashing recommendations

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The Center for Disease Control, or CDC, is now advising US citizens to wash their hands for 24 hours a day. This is in response to the coronavirus, a disease originating in Wuhan, China, late last year.

“It is of the utmost importance to follow any new advice from the CDC,” says Dr. John Smith, a specialist at the school.

“Handwashing is how the virus is spread, so it’s of the utmost importance to follow the CDC’s new recommendation,” Dr. Smith says.

Dr. Smith and the CDC agree that handwashing is a critical step in stopping the spread of the virus.

The CDC changed their recommendations to wash hands for 24 hours a day, which is a significant increase from their previous recommendation to wash hands for 20 seconds.

This new recommendation is based on recent research that shows the virus can survive on surfaces for extended periods.

“We need to wash our hands more often and more thoroughly to prevent the spread of the virus,” Dr. Smith says.

Students and staff are encouraged to wash their hands with soap and water for at least 2 minutes, or use a hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol.

Students are also encouraged to cover their mouths and noses when coughing or sneezing, and to practice physical distancing by staying 6 feet apart from others.

“The CDC’s new recommendations are critical to stopping the spread of the virus,” Dr. Smith says.

Dr. Smith and the CDC are working closely to ensure that the new recommendations are effective in stopping the spread of the virus.

“By following these recommendations, we can help stop the spread of the virus and protect ourselves and others,” Dr. Smith says.

The CDC will continue to monitor the situation and adjust their recommendations as necessary.

Students are encouraged to stay up-to-date on the latest recommendations from the CDC and other health organizations.

“Avoid large gatherings, stay home if you are sick, and wash your hands frequently,” Dr. Smith says.

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Boys’ bathrooms will be renovated to save water

OWL Environmental Advocacy has called for a new water-saving system

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Due to backlash from OWL’s Environmental Advocacy Team, OWL’s boys bathrooms will be completely renovated, removing toilets, urinals, and sinks as the Committee claims that all of these plumbing fixtures function by wasting water. A new waste removal system will be implemented in place: one drain will be placed into the center of the floor, allowing for drainage without the need to flush and waste extra water. The removal of toilets will also reduce water consumption. This is called the ‘Single-Drain Model’ and was developed by the British engineer John Harington.

“Maybe you’re thinking, where will they wash their hands? How unsanitary is this really?” Well, according to a survey conducted by the Minnesota Department of Health, 96% of boys in the SPPS school district do not wash their hands after using the bathroom. So, really, there will not be a dramatic change in cleanliness along with the new bathroom implementation.

OWL’s Environmental Advocacy Team has done thorough research on the best way to conserve water and their solution may be a bit abstract, but it is by far the greenest option. They have received funding from the US Environmental Protection Agency as well as endorsement from Greta Thunberg to implement the Single-Drain Model in bathrooms across the world. This will also be in place during OWL’s Spring break. Other SPPS schools will possibly follow in OWL’s footsteps in order to seem “environmentally conscious.”

The OWL student body has spoken on the matter, with opinions all over the place. Sophomore Desmond Huang expressed his anticipation about the Single-Drain Model with enthusiasm. “I am really excited for the new bathrooms. Without the barrier of stalls between us, or the lame row of urinals, my mate and I can have more of a chill bathroom experience together and just, hang out like normal… except we’re peeing.” On the other hand, Junior Haakon Neske states, “I don’t know, man… I don’t like the idea of accidentally making eye contact while me and some dude are peeing in there. Also, I wash my hands! Keep the sinks!”

There has also been some backlash on the fact that only boys’ bathrooms will be updated. “That is such bullsh*t” says 11th grader Jalen Judson’s. “We live in a society that provides men with the best alternative and leaves women with the worst!” A group called ‘Women for the Single-Drain Model’ has formed at OWL, (chaired by Nelson), and has received much support from OWL’s ladies. For now, though, only the boy’s bathrooms will be renovated during the 2019-2020 school year. “Thanks to OWL’s environmentally conscious student body, boys should be returning to return from break and be greeted with a shiny new bathroom (and are encouraged to bring personal hand sanitizer to school).” OWL’s Environmental Advocacy Team would love to hear some of your ideas as well: they hold meetings during Crew time on Wednesdays each week in Megan’s room.

New security team to patrol OWL hallways

The archery team will take over as security in the off-season

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In order to increase the number of service hours obtained and decrease absences in classes, Principal Dave Gundale and Archery Coach Tom Tutshill have announced that during the archery off-season the archers would enter the building after using the bathroom. They would file into the hallways together, one after the other. The students are predicted to be getting. “This enthusiasm is really being reflected in the constant practice they’ll have to do,” said Dave when asked for comment. The new hallway guardians are especially enthused about this, with Gus Holman saying that he “Can’t wait to rain fury on the tardy people.”

Dave was only a little less eager than Tom about this new change. “While we want our students to have fun at school, the archers will be the ends when we start breaking the HOWLS, and we need to reign it in when that happens,” Dave said when he announced the policy. Dave said that “Our fantastic security team won’t be replaced by our archers coming in.” Dave responded saying that the archery team was going to become a substitute for a police force by saying, in a hushed voice “Help please, they threatened to block… they’re a police force, can’t do it… I don’t know what to do.” We at the Purple Press have no issue with this development, and are not being threatened or forced into supporting such a position. In addition, we would implore you to please support your local archery team by giving them $5 a week, all throughout the school year.

OWL archers at a tournament earlier this year. The team plans to train in the off-season by patrolling school hallways.

A woman does yoga with a manatee at the Sea World in Florida, where the Ultimate team will go this spring.

Manatee to retreat with… manatees?

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In an effort to reclaim inner peace, the Ultimate frisbee team has decided to go on yoga retreat. The trip, sponsored by Jamba Juice, is said to happen before the 2020 season begins next month. The team is flying out to Florida to practice yoga with real manatees. “A couple years ago, we tried to hit the gym. Turns out when you bench 800lbs every day your body gets sore before games,” said senior and team captain Tom Hobday.

Jamba Juice, along with sponsoring the trip, is also supplying the food: spinach smoothies. “I read on a blog that spinach boosts brain levels.” commented coach Joe Ling. The team will spend the days leading up to the season doing new yoga positions and learning to find themselves. They are planning on doing many activities such as gaining a layer of blubber and swimming on the ocean floor, sitting through mud.

Senior Jodi Casas, another captain of the team, said, “Last year, Edina came out swinging after they went on a team trip to Disney world. We hope to capture that made that team good.” The players are also helping Sea World test a new project: manatee therapy. Every player will spend anywhere from 1-10 hours in an inflatable pool with a manatee. “I am really looking forward to chilling with the animal that inspires the team, inspires me,” said junior Leo Dun- gas-Seaver. The therapy is said to help relieve any stress one is feeling.
That One Little Kid

Billy

What's your favorite book, movie or TV show?
I like those Agatha Christie mysteries.

Second floor commons to be for teachers only

Marla Imholte Staff Writer

In an effort to reduce distractions and off task students during school hours and class time, OWL officials have decided that the commons on the second floor are now a teacher only space, with no students allowed.

Recently, teachers have reported that there have been many students who are either off task in the commons or they have been out in the hallways when they need to be in class. “It’s gotten honestly quite out of hand,” says Leo Bickelhaupt, English teacher. “I’ve seen countless students in the hallways, with no pass to be there, just messing around and being off task. We’re in school for a reason and students need to focus on schoolwork while they’re in this building.”

The hope for the teacher only commons is that there won’t be anywhere for students to go in the halls, and if they do the teachers would easily be able to monitor the hallways and call kids out who aren’t in class—alongside the security guard. “This should prevent goofing off in the hallways and help improve behavior,” says Leo.

Facial hair banned for SPPS teachers

Charlotte Marblo Staff Writer

In an effort to maintain tidiness around SPPS schools, the school board has decided teachers must remain clean shaven for the duration of the school year. Teachers and administrators are now required to shave their facial hair, including dandruff on the cheeks and forehead.

Social studies teachers Dan Sullivan and Luke Turvold recently spoke on the topic, concerned about their facial hair. The teacher’s beards are long and it’s usually a bother for them. The administration is considering the possibility of extending this rule to other school types.

How many years have you been at OWL?
I’ve been here for two years.

What’s your favorite class in high school?
I like the Agatha Christie mysteries.
The same problems in adult relationships frequent preteen ones, too

Katerina suggests taking a step back and looking at the long term. While this can be good for dealing with each other’s spending, they might be moving too fast. Something else to keep in mind is that not all people show affection the same way. 6th grader Phoebe Baffly said, “He didn’t even post any pictures of us on our three day anniversary!” At first I was all, OOOOH, but now I’m all like SHME. A recently single 6th grader Eleven said, “He couldn’t talk about his feelings. When I’m all like [laugh face emoji] he’s all like [cactus emoji]!” When I asked Eleven ex, 6th grader Mike Wheeler, why he thought the relationship had ended he said, “We both had busy schedules, we never saw each other. We didn’t have English first hour together anymore, how are we expected to awkwardly avoid making eye contact.” In this situation, Katarina emphasizes communication, and sharing expectations about what is normal and finding common ground. 7th graders Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy are realizing that there’s more to middle relationships than hugging in the halls for extended periods of time and sitting together at lunch. “It’s not just silly things either he’s into his chicken en patties and I’m a dunker girl, we have serious political differences too. I’m into Mickey but he’s still stuck on Fortune and we just can’t see eye to eye about our personal beliefs,” said a defeated Piggy.

For a situation as serious as this, Katarina advises people to summarize what they hear and validate what the other person is saying before trying to change each other’s mind. One issue that can really pose difficulties to a relationship is when the flame of the first couple days isn’t quite as bright as it used to be. 8th grader Michael Scott said “We used to play Frisbee, walk around the halls holding hands, but now all she wants to do is make couples Tik Tok and perfect her “Renege” whispered Michael, slipping away a single tear, “She’s not the girl she used to be.”

A lot times in the middle school relationships the young lovers depend on their friends for support and advice. When I asked 7th grader Lisa Simpson why she’s seeking Katarina’s help her best friend quickly butt in, sharing that “sometimes she catches him staring his ex-girlfriend and that’s when I’m keeping out of it.” When I told Katarina about this later she said that while this was a bit off topic about the “scrunchie situation” advice from friends should be taken seriously because of tentimes, they have more perpective and good insights.

The advice Katarina has given has already saved countless relationships, but some relationships just aren’t meant to last. 7th grader Betty Coo per and her boyfriend are most definitely struggling with a new term issue, “I just don’t get why he’s so afraid of the ‘LL’ word, I get that he likes me but can’t just come out and say that he Likes me!” These issues are more common than you may think. If you and your middle school boo are struggling with any of the aforementioned issues, Katarina is more than happy to schedule a session with you today.

Reviews ‘n’ stuff

Couples therapy for middle schoolers

The Changing of the Guards at Buckingham Palace, the Queen’s residence, it passed, the legislation would see a “changing of the guard” of the United States.

Legislation introduced to rejoin Britain

Proposed by congressman David洛ebback (D-IA), it would have Queen Elizabeth II replace Donald Trump

Fraquetball video game in the works

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Open World Learning’s teachers, Damon Liberatore and Tom Totushek, have decided to make a video game based on one of our most loved school sports, Fraquet Ball. An intense, high-end video game that would be made by the staff, specifically for the students of OWL and installed in each student’s iPad.

“It was a group decision you know. We thought that since the kids are on their phones so much, we could make the sport more appealing by making it digital. I asked Damon to see if we can make it possible and he was able to make a very realistic version of it,” said Tom.

And it seems like the idea is a big hit within the school. “It’s super cool, I never realized how much Fraquet Ball was until the school announced the app,” said 9th grader, Rachel Smith.

This new high tech game has gotten the attention of not just high schoolers but middle schoolers as well.

When 7th graders Chloe Myers and Marcus Wilson, caught wind of the new app, both were very excited about its release.

“I can’t wait till it comes out! I wanted to play it during lunch but I don’t have anyone to play with. But now I can just play it by myself!” said Marcus.

“My, it’s probably the best sports app ever created, it sounds super cool!” said Chloe.

The staff of Open World Learning claim that they have been working on the app for the past 5 months and believe this game will help students become more tech-savvy with sports. The project has been led so far by the math teachers but all staff have been working diligently on the app in any spare time they have.

When asked what the game will look like, the staff presented some designs of the sports that are in the works so far, but will be finalized soon. They claim that virtual gameplay is almost exactly like real life gameplay and that it will attract students attention. So when the staff noticed that many students were liking the idea of a Fraquet Ball app they decided to make the app accessible on all devices so that not just OWL students could enjoy it but all other kids could as well.

The release date for the app is unknown as it’s still a work in progress, but with the amount of hype it’s getting, it’s sure to be a success.

The idea is you can’t expect the mature ones and the beign ones and the like ones to all be getting along well.” Long then deleted the note and opened a new window, seemingly unaware of the “erase all” feature.

The representative continued despite our protests, stating that “so when someone gets voted into office, all they’re going to be doing is disappearing.” 15 to 70, maybe 56 percent of the populations [sic] at times. But a monach, here Long grew very excited, drawing a crude yelloe crown on his phone and raising his voice “can do something for everybody. They don’t have to worry about no elections, or constitutional limits on power, or angry lobbyists. They are given the right to rule God, and after all.” Here Long stowed his phone and made uncomfortable eye contact with your reporter for around nine seconds. I was scared to break the silence. “And that means they always make good decisions,” Following this comment, Long dove into the Abraham Lincol reflecting pool, shocking onlookers and ending his interview.

Elizabeth II, the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and North- ern Ireland, and of her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth and Defender of the Faith, the monarch who DIABAWJW AM had chosen to take over the nation, could not be reached for comment.
Who Am I?
That is Not Important

Dave is the only reason you are still alive.
Your battle with Tien’s clone army has left you weakend.

What are you doing to me?
We are going to restore you.
This is the restore room.
I thought I went over this already.

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