

District “Hand-In-Hand” With Presbyterian Hospital of Allen ISD in Hand Hygiene Program

The district’s School Health Advisory Program met last week with representatives from Allen Presbyterian who demonstrated their comprehensive hand hygiene program. The council approved the program as a district-wide initiative.

In schools and business, close contact and insufficient hand washing contribute to the spread of germs that cause illness. According to the Center for Disease Control, one of the results of poor hand hygiene is MRSA (Methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus). MRSA is an antibiotic-resistant strain of staph infection that is going around and making the news. MRSA is a type of staph infection that has become increasingly prevalent among school-age children.

The Hand Hygiene program provides a toolkit which contains training and collateral materials and offers age-appropriate videos that demonstrate hand-washing hygiene techniques and emphasize education and awareness of proper hand hygiene that will lead to a behavior change (hand washing habits) over time. Campuses will work directly with Allen Presbyterian to schedule their representatives to come into the school and conduct these demonstrations as soon as possible.

More information on handwashing hygiene is available at www.texashealth.org. More information on the MRSA infection is www.MRSATexas.org. This site will take you to the an information handbook at www.dshs.state.tx.us .