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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Recently, there have been questions about whether students and staff are allowed to have hand sanitizer. The answer to that question is yes, they are allowed to have hand sanitizer. In addition, this week, Stafford County Public Schools (SCPS) has delivered hand sanitizer to all high, middle, and elementary school classrooms without sinks.

The only request is that the sanitizer remains in their backpack or with their personal belongings unless it is being used. Students should not share hand sanitizer due to the high alcohol content and potential allergies to other students. Teachers will monitor elementary students when dispensing hand sanitizer. Again, we want to remind you that the Virginia Health Department (VHD) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommend handwashing with soap and water for approximately 20 seconds. **This should be done prior to eating, after using the restroom, and after sneezing or coughing.**

I have instructed principals to make sure that students have 20 seconds to wash their hands with soap and water. We want to remind parents that if your child is ill or has symptoms of illness, please do not send them to school and refer to the SCPS Health Services web page on "Medical Exclusions -Reasons to Stay Home From School" <https://www.staffordschools.net/Page/15074>.

We apologize for any confusion as it relates to the hand sanitizer. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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