



COVID-19 Update

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To: Everyone at HHS
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Subject: **Conservation of hand sanitizer at our hospitals**

Like Many health care facilities, we are currently experiencing supply issues affecting the availability of refills for wall mounted sanitizer dispensers. We are working to ensure product availability where needed. This includes exploring alternate options, such as replacing wall mount dispensers with hand pump bottles where appropriate. Refilling wall dispensers from bulk supply is also being coordinated as a contingency measure.

As we work together to conserve supplies of alcohol-based hand sanitizer, we ask that staff do not remove and relocate hand pump dispensers, or the inserts of sanitizer from wall mounted dispensers. In addition, please use only what you need – one pump is sufficient for cleaning hands – or use a hand sink if one is available.

As we implement our strategy, staff and physicians may begin to notice signs at wall mounted dispensers in common areas indicating, “unit not in use.” In these cases, a hand pump option will be available in close proximity. These areas will be checked frequently to ensure availability of product.

Once our process is finalized, inserts for wall mounted sanitizer dispensers will be replenished through our existing processes, with priority distribution given to inpatient units and clinics.

Efforts by staff to collect used sanitizer containers will continue to be important.

We appreciate everyone’s cooperation to ensure that hand sanitizer is available for all staff and physicians.

Anita