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We are pleased to provide you with *Wash Your Hands! Resources for Schools*; a set of tools for school superintendents, administrators, office staff, aides, teachers, and parents to promote and facilitate handwashing in schools.

Handwashing is a basic life skill that prevents the spread of infections. Schools are ideal settings for the transmission of respiratory infections because students, teachers and staff share the same space and touch the same surfaces throughout the day.

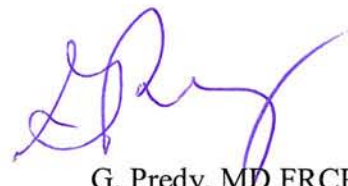
Many good hygiene practices and habits were initiated last year during the H1N1 pandemic. To prevent the spread of infections on an ongoing basis, these need to be continued and incorporated into daily routines.

Wash Your Hands! Resources for Schools was developed by the Do Bugs Need Drugs? program through a grant by Alberta Health and Wellness. We urge you to use this information in your office and to forward it to principals for uptake by staff, students, parents and others in the school community.

Yours sincerely,



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