

## **Daviess County Public Schools**

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## Media Advisory

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## DCPS schools undergo 'deep cleaning'

The Daviess County Public Schools custodial and maintenance departments are committed to ensuring clean, safe environments for teaching and learning every day.

However, during cold and flu season, these efforts escalate to even higher levels.

Across the district, custodians sanitize student desks and shared surfaces, such as door knobs, with disinfectants. Hand sanitizer is available for students, staff and visitors; and everyone is encouraged to wash hands thoroughly with soap and warm water before eating and after using restrooms. Students are reminded to follow healthy practices such as covering mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, and not sharing food or eating/drinking utensils.

The DCPS district has provided specialized disinfectant equipment for each school. According to a study about clean schools published by the National Education Association, cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting are all important steps in reducing the spread of infectious illnesses. Learn more at

http://healthyfutures.nea.org/get-informed/school-safety/environmental-health/clean-schools/

DCPS schools are closed today, providing an additional opportunity for cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting.

"The new electrostatic disinfectant misters are among several measures we employ to combat illness," said DCPS maintenance director David Shutt. "The health and well-being of our students and staff is very important to us. Our custodians take their responsibilities seriously in maintaining healthy classrooms and learning environments for our kids every day."

**NOTE TO MEDIA** – DCPS director of maintenance David Shutt and members of his custodial team will be available for demonstrations and interviews at noon today (Wednesday, Jan. 30) at College View Middle School, 5061 New Hartford Road. Please feel free to visit CVMS to learn more about this new disinfecting equipment and its benefits for students. For more information, contact David Shutt at 1-270-977-7088 or <a href="mailto:daviess.kyschools.us">david.shutt@daviess.kyschools.us</a>

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