

## **THE EDUCATION COOPERATIVE**

### **STANDING ORDERS FOR HAND WASHING AND USE OF ALCOHOL BASED SANITIZER**

**Guideline: For every child and the staff present in the school building**

#### **Hand Washing**

Using proper technique to wash your hands with warm/cold water and soap for at least 20 seconds and then drying it with either paper towels or hand dryers.

This should be done after using the restroom, before meals and after if needed, after recess or physical education, before and after using electronic devices or other shared equipment used by multiple students, after coughing or sneezing, and other times as appropriate.

If soap and water are not available, alcohol-based hand sanitizers are recommended as an alternative to soap and water.

Apply the gel, liquid, or foam product to the palm of one hand. Rub your hands together. Rub the gel, liquid, or foam over all the surfaces of your hands and fingers until your hands are dry. This should take around 20 seconds. Staff supervision will be provided when necessary.

**CAUTION!** Swallowing alcohol-based hand sanitizers can cause alcohol poisoning if more than a couple of mouthfuls are swallowed. Young children will be supervised with topical application.

**I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO SELF ADMINISTER ALCOHOL BASED HAND SANITIZER WITH AT LEAST 60% ALCOHOL:**

**Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_