*National Handwashing Awareness Week Dec 3-9, 2017*

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Let's have a **Happy Healthy Holiday** season by starting off with celebrating **National Handwashing Awareness Week** to help make your school is prepared! Whether it is flu, flu-like illness, pertussis, rhinovirus, norovirus and many more can cause an endemic event in your facility.

**There are some simple steps to achieve better Infection Prevention in your facility.**

First, be sure **EVERYONE** (staff and students) washes or sanitizes their hands upon **entering** the facility. You would not want to bring in these infections if you can prevent!

A stop sign at your front door may be a good reminder to wash hands as they enter and leave your facility. Help stop the spread of germs. Second be sure **EVERYONE** washes or sanitizes their hands at **key points during the day.** You want to minimize the impact of any infection(s) that may be passed around the school!

Third, never touch your T Zone, it will reduce your chance that you will be sick from a respiratory or gastro-intestinal infection. **Remember, the T Zone is the mucus membranes of the eyes, nose or mouth, which are the only portal of entry into the human body for respiratory and GI infections!**
**Thank you for helping to "spread the word not the germs"!**

**Holiday health and greetings ☺**