

MechSE WELLness

W08 Handwashing

Intent: Reduce pathogen transmission associated with washing and drying hands.

Washing hands with soap and water is a recommended and effective way of removing dirt and bacteria and can greatly reduce transmission and incidence of gastrointestinal disease, including diarrhea, and respiratory disease. Once an individual's hands are clean, they can be more readily infected if left wet compared to when dry.

Impact: By encouraging handwashing and drying and limiting places that harbor germs, our facility can help reduce infectious disease transmission.

What are the requirements to earn this credit?

1. Provide sinks large enough to wash hands.
2. At all sink locations, provide fragrance-free hand soap in dispensers with disposable and sealed soap cartridges and paper towels or means to dry hands.

How is MechSE accomplishing these requirements?

By working with the design architect and engineer, and then with campus facilities and services, MechSE was able to ensure that sinks of adequate size were installed in all restrooms and other areas and that the fragrance-free soap and drying means were provided. Campus building service workers maintain our soap and drying towels. We have also put up signs to encourage handwashing and drying!

