New Normal in Hand Hygiene

Sinks and soap are mostly in bathrooms.

We leave the room, go down the hall, find the third door on the right, just to wash hands.

Putting handwashing within reach



What's the problem?

Students can wash their hands much more frequently if sinks are conveniently located and are in the line of sight.

They can be reminded again and again, but without convenient facilities, they might not wash hands regularly; hence it would not become a habit; and unlikely that it will help save lives. A huge proportion of schools have inadequate hand washing facilities. Today, most hand washing facilities are available only in the toilet. Putting hand washing facilities where they're needed is difficult, in part because conventional piped sinks are expensive and require plumbing.

It is well documented that structural support, i.e. access to attractive, clean facilities are key to improving handwashing behavior in schools [1].

The new normal for hygiene: Students and Teachers can wash hands wherever needed

It's not enough to provide sinks and soap only in bathrooms.

Why? Because it's not enough to wash hands only after using the toilet.



The future of basic hand hygiene is washing in more places and at more times.

This requires a shift in facilities management - everywhere in schools



No more leaving the classroom, going down the hall, finding the third door on the right, just to wash hands.

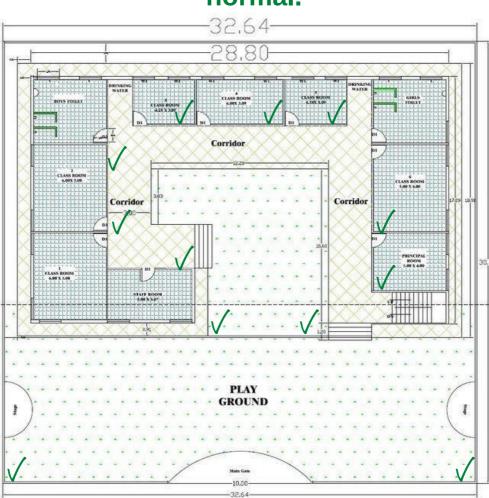
Instead, handwashing within reach.

[1] Chittleborough, C. R., Nicholson, A. L., Basker, E., Bell, S., & Campbell, R. (2012). Factors influencing hand washing behaviour in primary schools: process evaluation within a randomized controlled trial. Health Education Research, 27(6), 1055–1068. https://doi.org/10.1093/her/cys061 - All images are from real settings.

> HappyTap is a social enterprise building the new normal for hand hygiene. More at www.happytap.net



School schematics with suggestions for locations to install portable hand washing stations for the new normal.





1 outside each classroom

1 each outside staff rooms and cabins

On the playgrounds as per no. of students. That is 1 for every 25 students.

On the either sides of assembly rooms as per no. of students. That is 1 for every 25 students.

2-4 near the entrance of the school





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How do we put handwashing within reach

Modular, durable, & portable handwashing facilities are being implemented at scale, in a matter of weeks. Next-generation sinks allow facilities managers to jump straight to the desired outcome:

Everyone washing hands when and where needed.

now?



Minimal Hand touch in

handling water spout

and soap dispensers

Accident-free

location and can be set up at barrier free

locations

Can be set up by a lay

man with minimum

workmanship

Availability of running water for handwashing

Easy to handle and

can be made locally

Provision for soan

accessibility, and

safety against threat





between 2 handwashing points to be minimum 2 Meters

Height of the handwashing point should be accessible 2 to 4 feet (Age sensitive)



Easy to transport, assemble and dissemble



Provision for suitable disposal/ reuse of wastewater

Cost effective and

durable for at least crisis period and

durable preferably

[2] COVID-19 Handwashing with Soap (HWWS) facilities: compendium of indicative layouts, designs and cost estimates. April 2020. https://bit.ly/3xnoall

Introducing HappyTaps: portable, modular next-generation sinks

Effective: Referenced by WHO/UNICEF as covid-19 compliant & child-friendly [3]

Easy to configure for distancing & nudging: Instant set-up and portability for deployment wherever handwashing is most needed.

Water-efficient: Low-flow tap & 15L tank allows for 50-60 uses per fill.

Durable: Food-grade material; built to last under tough usage conditions for 5 years. Conditional 1 year warranty.

Deploy at scale: mass-produced locally, ships rapidly to anywhere in India.





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