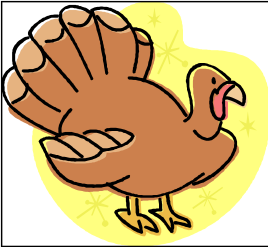


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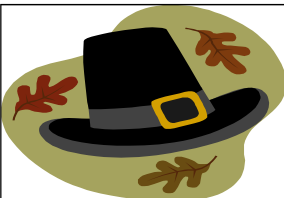
Ask Mr. Janitor:

Our school wrestling season is just about ready to start. As you know, there is great concern about MRSA infections possibly impacting athletic events like wrestling. How can we help prevent these MRSA infections?



Mr. Janitor Answers:

The best way to eliminate MRSA from your wrestling mats and other surfaces is to use an advanced microfiber cleaning system with an EPA registered disinfectant / cleaner. Great Western Supply handles a state-of-the-art microfiber cleaning system along with many suitable disinfectants to help keep your facility as safe as possible.



MRSA and Microfiber

Although today's question was from a school seeking ways to protect its athletes and other students from MRSA infections, it could have come from many other types of facilities. MRSA, Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, is a bacterium that is carried in the nose and on the skin of healthy people. It is transmitted by direct person to person contact, by contact with an open MRSA wound or by coming into contact with a surface that has the bacterium on it. Facilities such as hospitals, athletic clubs, schools, hotels or office buildings with exercise rooms, nursing homes and other long-term-care facilities as well as jails and any other facility with high-touch surfaces needs to exercise care to prevent the spread of MRSA. Hand washing and use of alcohol-hand-sanitizers along with proper cleaning of all high-touch surfaces with an EPA registered disinfectant are ways to minimize the spread of MRSA infections.

Keeping non-porous surfaces clean and safe is a never ending challenge. Using *Pro-Link Advanced Microfiber System (AMS)*, you can clean better, increase productivity, increase safety within your facility, reduce chemical and water usage, and lower your total cleaning costs. *Pro-Link's AMS* is built around Mega-Loop technology. Mega-Loop mops are the most advanced microfiber mops available. These mops have more surface area than standard microfiber mops. *AMS* microfiber mops pick-up more than 10 times the soil and contaminants of traditional mops and 4 to 6 times more than standard microfiber mops. With this system, your mop is never put into dirty water and dirty/contaminated water is never put onto the surfaces you are cleaning. Contaminants and dirt are picked-up and not just moved around and spread around. The *Pro-Link AMS* system is the most advanced and economical way to deal with today's concerns for cleaning and preventing the spread of infectious germs. The *Pro-Link AMS* system has many innovative products to help you do your job easier and better. See the bucketless mop system shown on the back of this page as an illustration of just one of the many innovations that are part of the *Pro-Link AMS* system.

Great Western offers over a dozen different disinfectant cleaners to handle your disinfecting and cleaning jobs. We will have one to fit your specific needs.

Please give us a call if you have any questions about MRSA or the many products we carry to help you deal with it. Also, please call us to learn more about the *Pro-Link Advanced Microfiber System* or call us to set-up a no obligation demonstration of this fantastic system. Using the *Pro-Link Advanced Microfiber System* will make your cleaning and disinfecting jobs easier and more effective. It may also help make your facility safer. Call us at our Davenport office at 563/445-6644 or at our Cedar Rapids office at 319/395-0445.

Please note that Great Western Supply will be closed on both Thursday, November 22 and on Friday, November 23 to celebrate Thanksgiving. We will reopen on Monday, November 26. Thank you and have an enjoyable Thanksgiving!