Reminders for Using Disinfectants at Schools and Child Cares

Given the concern over the 2019 Novel Coronavirus, many schools and child cares in California are making it a priority to disinfect frequently-touched surfaces. Disinfectants are pesticides and must be used according to the label.

Reminders for using disinfectants properly at schools and child cares:

- Use EPA-registered disinfectants and follow all label directions
- Keep the surface wet for the required contact time. The contact time, specific to each product, is the amount of time that a surface must remain wet in order to work. If using disinfectant wipes, multiple wipes may be required.
- Keep all disinfectants out of the reach of students. Never allow students to use disinfectants or touch the applied product.

General information about the 2019 Novel Coronavirus:

- California Department of Public Health Novel Coronavirus 2019 website
  https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/nCOV2019.aspx
- California Department of Education 2019 Novel Coronavirus Guidance for Schools and School Districts
  https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/el/le/yr20ltr0214.asp
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention

DON’T FORGET
Under the Healthy Schools Act, DPR provides online training on how to use disinfectants.
https://apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm/training/

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