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**Hand Sanitizer**  
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Code Compliance

NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) 101 Life Safety Code has been adopted within the State of Maine and currently we follow the 2018 version. The code has specific requirements for the use of alcohol-based hand rub. Due to the current situation our office is issuing the following allowances until 1/1/21. Local municipalities may be more stringent than the following.

- Alcohol-Based hand rub shall not be allowed in corridors of educational buildings.
- Alcohol-Based hand rub may be placed inside entrances to schools that are protected by an automatic sprinkler system, the sanitizer shall not impede egress, and shall be within 48” of the door. There is a limit of 1 gallon cumulative at an entrance.
- Alcohol-based hand rub may be placed outside the building or within an entrance vestibule of an educational building that is not protected by an automatic sprinkler system. The vestibule shall be separated from corridors, the sanitizer shall not impede egress. There will be a limit of .32gal./1.2L at an entrance.
- Alcohol-Based hand rub up to 1 gallon can be in classrooms within buildings that are protected by an automatic sprinkler system. Containers of alcohol-based hand rub shall be labeled and be a non-misting pump style dispenser.
- Alcohol-based hand rub up to .32 gal./ 1.2 L can be in classrooms within buildings that are not protected by an automatic sprinkler system. Containers of alcohol-based hand rub shall be labeled and be a non-misting pump style dispenser.
- The cumulative amount of alcohol-based hand rub in any classroom cannot exceed 1 gallon.
- Alcohol-based hand rub shall not be allowed above or near any source of ignition.
- Storage of alcohol-based hand rub that is not being used in quantities greater than 5 gallons shall be stored in a rated room or a flammable liquid storage cabinet.
- Alcohol-based hand rub dispensers located within rooms with combustibles floors shall be arranged to prevent the hand rub from coming in contact with the floor.
- Alcohol-based hand rub dispensers shall be separated by a minimum of 48”

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