

Studies

CDC

Handwashing is an easy, inexpensive, and effective way to prevent the spread of germs and keep employees healthy ^{1, 2}.

Handwashing gives people the opportunity to take an active role in their own health. Most handwashing studies have focused on child care or health care settings. The few that have looked at corporate settings show that promoting clean hands results in fewer employee sick days ³.



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and World Health Organization (WHO) state that hand hygiene is one of the most important steps in reducing illness and stopping the spread of germs to others.

Harvard Workplace Study

A majority (55%) of working adults say they still go to work always or most of the time when they have a cold or the flu, while 21% sometimes do, and 21% rarely or never do. Half (50%) of restaurant workers and more than half (60%) of those who work in medical jobs say they still go to work always or most of the time when they have a cold or the flu.



Those who work 50 or more hours per week have the highest likelihood of going to work while sick (70%), but younger workers ages 18-29, workers in low-paying jobs, adults working multiple jobs, and workers in certain industries are also more likely than other groups to still go to work while sick.

Health & Productivity

Fifty-five million workers reported a time when they were unable to concentrate at work because of their own illness or that of a family member, accounting for another 478 million days.

Together, labor time lost due to health reasons represents lost economic output totaling **\$260 billion per year.**

Improving Health

Germs can spread quickly. A healthier community means healthier employees. Handwashing education in the community:

Reduces the number of people who get sick with diarrhea by 31% $^{\rm 4}$ Reduces diarrheal illness in people with weakened immune systems by 58% $^{\rm 5}$

Reduces respiratory illnesses, like colds, in the general population by 21% ⁶

Saving Time and Money

Handwashing is one of the best ways to avoid getting sick and spreading illness to others.

Sick employees are less productive even when they come to work. They may also spread illness to others at work. One recent study promoting clean hands in corporate environments showed:

Fewer employee illnesses Less use of sick days

Helping Families and Workforces Thrive

Employees with healthy children spend less time away from work taking care of sick children, are more productive at work when not dealing with family illness, and get sick less often themselves.

Employers should promote employee handwashing and encourage them to also:

Teach their children good handwashing technique

Remind children to wash their hands

Wash hands with their children

Despite widespread knowledge of the importance of handwashing, there is still room for improvement. A recent study showed that only 31% of men and 65% of women washed their hands after using a public restroom ⁷.

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Philosophy

Spreading germs can be a major community concern but can be improved dramatically through a proper hand hygiene program.

Symmetry understands the importance of a hand hygiene program and will work with facilities to create a healthy work environment.

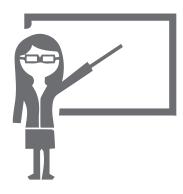
Create a Culture of Hand Hygiene Reduce the spread of germs



Symmetry Hand Hygiene Program



Provide high quality & low cost products



Implement tools to increase education & awareness



Implement behavior modification tools to increase hand hygiene practices



1250 ml Vivid



1250 ml Calm



1250 ml Alert



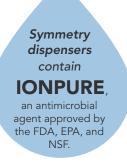
1250 ml & 2000 ml Prestige



1250 ml & 2000 ml Alpine



1250 ml **Empathy**





Chrome

Luxe Copper*

Luxe Rose Gold*



Luxe Gold*







Luxe Nickel



Soft Touch Calm



Soft Touch Alert

Soft Touch Vivid



1-Snap one-time use hand sanitizer packets are compact and portable.

Simply bend to dispense hand sanitizer anytime, anywhere.

Hand Wash Products

Green Certified Foaming Hand Wash* Green Certified Foaming Hand Wash Unscented* Antimicrobial Foaming Hand Wash with 0.3% PCMX

Hand Care Products

Hair, Hand and Body Foaming Wash*

Moisturizing Hand Lotion for Skin Conditioning

Hand Sanitizer Products

Non-Alcohol Foaming Hand Sanitizer with Aloe & Vitamin E Foaming Hand Sanitizer † with Aloe & Vitamin E

Hand Sanitizer - 1-Snap Packaging available with Aloe & Vitamin E

† Also available in fragrance-free

*This product meets Green Seal® Standard GS-41A based on effective performance and protective limits on VOCs and human & environmental toxicity. GreenSeal.org.



All packaging is BPA free

Dispenser Features |

Symmetry dispensers offer the highest level of precision and durability. The user-driven design is made of ABS plastic featuring a large sight window, and hidden and keyed integrated lock options.



1. User Driven Design 180° Accessible Lever



2. Large Sight Window
Visibility of product level
aids in ensuring product is
always available



3. Customization
Logo
Message
Color



4. User Designated Lock Hidden lock or Keyed



5. Optimal Durability
Interlocking Ribs
Anti-Vandalism Posts



6. Repair-in-Place Technology Easy to get back in operation



7. Flexible Packaging

More environmentally friendly
than aerosol can & rigid container
99% evacuation



Key

8. Patented No-Drip Bellow System



International Design Award (IDA) Bronze Sub-Category Winner

The ergonomics of the Symmetry dispenser combined with behavior modification placards and educational signs inspire hand hygiene practices at the source.

Dispenser Design Patent US 29/520, 435 Dispenser Lever Patent 8863989 B2

Symmetry Hands-Free Dispenser Stand

The Symmetry Hands-Free Dispenser Stand is pedal activated and requires no assembly. It uses the same 1250 ml bags as standard Symmetry dispensers.

DISPENSER FEATURES

Made with UV protected HDPE (High-Density Polyethylene) plastic Spring, pedal pin, and screws are zinc coated for corrosion protection





Touch-Free and Malfunction-Free

Symmetry Hands-Free Dispenser Stands do not require batteries and have few moving parts to ensure dispensers work perfectly every time. No need to worry about unreliable sensors, dripping, malfunctioning motors, or worn-out batteries.

Superior Manufacturing

The FDA cautions consumers to be vigilant of products sold with misleading, unproven claims. Some of these new sanitizers have been marketed with unproven COVID-19 claims, are manufactured without the FDA's oversight, and will only be available temporarily.

Symmetry products are manufactured in an FDA registered and ISO certified facility. Our sanitizers contain only FDA compliant ethanol.

ISO 9001:2015 CERTIFIED COMPANY







SBMS

Symmetry Behavior Modification System

We utilize behavioral science to drive hand hygiene practices.

The SBMS is a set of unique placards and signs with messages designed to inspire and maximize hand hygiene practices.

6 KEY TENETS:



#1 BENEVOLENCE

The disposition to do good



#2 RESPONSIBILITY

Other's expectations and/or requirements



#3 ACCOUNTABILITY

Willingness to accept responsibility and comply



#4 VARIATION

A change in form, substance, or position of something



#5 EMOTION

Strong feelings towards something

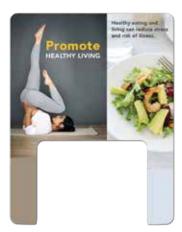


#6 DIRECTION

Instructional and guided statements to prompt action







Symmetry Digital Behavioral Driver Placard: **MOTIV**



Uses motion and sound to trigger a response to take action Image and video variation keeps messaging fresh to avoid sign fatigue Allows for quick, easy customization for new campaigns and initiatives

Fits 1250 ml Symmetry Stealth dispensers
PIR (passive infrared sensor) detects motion
10-hour run time
1 GB memory
6–9-hour battery charge time
1024×600 screen resolution
Movie file formats – MKV, MP4, AVI, 3GP, WMV, RM/RMVB, MPEG-4, ASF, MOV

Your reason for doing something is your motive.

The word **motive** comes from the Latin word, motivus, meaning moving.



Visual Lighting Cue (VLC)

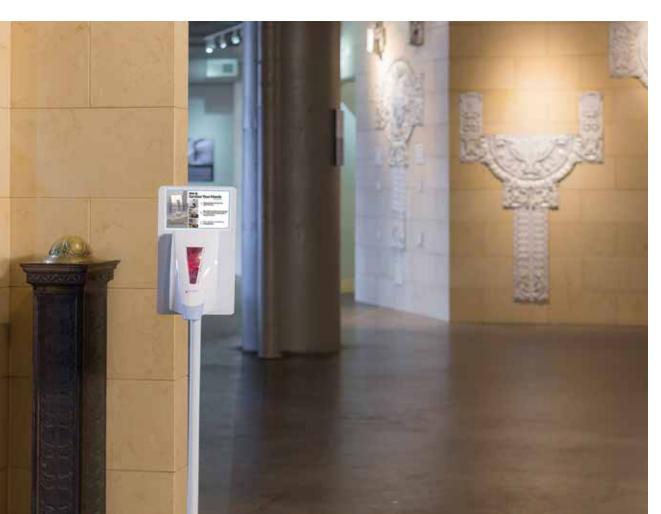
The American Journal of Infection Control (AJIC) published a study to measure hand hygiene compliance using visual lighting cues (VLCs). The study concluded that a flashing light affixed by hand hygiene dispensers increased hand hygiene compliance to approximately double. In the study, the light drew attention to the dispensers, which reminded people to practice hand hygiene.

Symmetry VLCs are available in amber (yellow) and red. Symmetry VLCs can even be set to specific flash frequencies: single flash or three flashes every 5 seconds.

Education/Awareness Tools

Symmetry offers informative, education and awareness pieces generating focus on the "HOW" and "WHY" of proper hand hygiene to help you maximize hand hygiene practices in your facility.

- Wall Charts
- Posters
- Product Literature
- Handwashing Videos









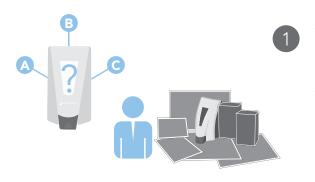


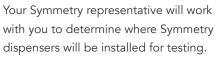
Symmetry Try & Buy Program

The Symmetry Try & Buy Program is a great way for you to gather valuable feedback from the people using your hand hygiene products.









Your Symmetry representative brings the appropriate Symmetry dispensers, hand hygiene products, and surveying tools.





Test Symmetry hand hygiene products and gather feedback. Each Symmetry dispenser will have a feedback sticker attached with your contact information on it.





Once product testing and evaluation are complete, meet with your Symmetry representative to review results and general feedback.

