PROTECTING HEALTH AND SAFETY AT SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Schools are facing unprecedented challenges. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, education leaders must find ways to assure students, parents and teachers that the learning environment is safe and that every effort is being made to protect their health and safety.

Clean4 Infection Control for Resilient Schools is a comprehensive, proactive approach to pathogen reduction that achieves a new level of cleanliness and safety for students, faculty and staff. The program ensures that surfaces not only look clean—they are clean.

Clean4 has positively impacted the well-being of students at numerous schools in the United States. The program promotes learning by creating a safe, clean, optimal environment that enables faculty and staff to focus on their primary mission—educating students.

- Pathogen load reduction on all surfaces during 2019 pilot: 81%
- Decreased absenteeism among students
- Reduction of pathogens in “hot spots”: 99%
- Reduced need for substitute teachers
**St. Luke’s School**, in New Canaan, CT, implemented Clean4 in 2019. The private school, which serves nearly 600 students in grades 5 through 12, wanted to minimize the risk of infectious disease outbreaks, such as flu and MRSA.

A carefully chosen array of powerful cleaning products, as well as switching to disposable cleaning tools, substantially enhanced cleanliness and improved health and safety. Third-party microbiology laboratory testing showed an 81% reduction in pathogen count on surfaces, as well as a staggering 99% reduction in some key areas, such as bathrooms.

**Washington Community Schools** in Washington, IN, had concerns about air quality in classrooms. Occasionally, high concentrations of mold spores in the air would affect students and faculty who suffered from seasonal allergies, requiring urgent remediation. The district decided to install UV-C lights in the HVAC system at Griffith Elementary School to improve indoor air quality for its nearly 500 students.

These lights clean the air as it enters the HVAC system by killing mold spores and other airborne pathogens that pass through the air inlet. After only 30 days, attendance was greater at Griffith Elementary School than at any other school in the district. In addition, since the UV-C system was installed in January 2020, there has been no need for air quality remediation.

At **Nixa Public Schools** in Nixa, MO, two schools achieved a noticeable improvement in cleanliness after switching to the professional-grade cleaning products and disposable cleaning wipes included with Clean4. At another school, a malfunction in the HVAC system led to an outbreak of mold during one particularly humid weekend. The onsite team implemented Clean4 to quickly clean and disinfect the building. The program has been immensely successful, with administrators praising the enhanced cleanliness and rapid results at both schools.