

Delaware Elementary School Cleaning Complete

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Springfield Public School officials say sickness was spreading too fast inside Delaware Elementary. The district decided to close the school for three days. On Thursday, custodians say the clean up process was complete.

Custodial Manager Rod Owen says closing the school allowed the district to disinfect it for little cost. Owen says the district did not have to use overtime for the cleaning process.

Owen says custodians used SaniMaster 4 a disinfectant that has a 100% germ kill rate after it sits on a surface for 10 minutes. "It's utilized in hospitals and veterinary clinics," Owen says. "We wiped every desk, chair, door knob, sink and water fountain."

Custodians also used a no touch cleaner. The Kaivac sprays on a disinfectant that is then washed off using a high pressure hose. "Delaware also has a lot of carpets that don't get sanitized every week so we sanitized those," Owen says. He says cleaning is only half the battle. "We can't say it enough hand washing, hand washing," Owen says.

The school district will wait until the flu season is over to decide if the days off will cause make-up days in the summer. As of Thursday afternoon, a district spokeswoman said they do not have any other schools that had more than 20% of its students absent. Classes at Delaware start on Monday.

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