

POLICY REGARDING APPROVED HAND HYGIENE PROCEDURES
RELATIVE TO RULES FOR INFECTION CONTROL

Preamble: The purpose of this policy is to clarify acceptable hand hygiene procedures as they relate to Ohio Administrative Code Rules regarding infection control procedures.

The Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has set forth guidelines for hand hygiene in its 2003 Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health-Care Settings (see attached excerpt of the report and the recommendations, references omitted). The Ohio State Dental Board (Board) has approved these guidelines as meeting the requirements of Ohio Administrative Code 4715-20-01 as an appropriate hand washing technique. Further, this policy will be put in rule form as part of the Board's rule review process.