

Oregon Department of Education

School Garden Food Safety Program

Student Training Manual and Log



Tab 5

- **Identify the Garden Coordinator.** This person is in charge of the garden. All students MUST follow their direction in order to keep students safe.
- **Kitchen Manager or Cook.** Identify that person if the kids are dropping food off in the kitchen. The same goes for this person: They are in charge of the kitchen and all students must follow their direction in order to keep students and food safe.

All students MUST properly **wash their hands** before harvesting produce to be served to the public from the garden. This is to be done thoroughly with soap and warm water (*See below). Rewash hands after breaks, visiting restrooms, sneezing, coughing, handling trash or money, or anytime hands become otherwise contaminated. After produce is washed and ready to be served in the cafeteria or garden, barriers such as gloves, deli paper or appropriate utensil should be used to touch ready-to-eat produce. ***SPECIFICALLY, here is the procedure for hand washing when serving food to the public in the garden:***

- Wash hands with warm, soapy water for 20 seconds
- Before handling food
- After using the bathroom*
- After blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing*
 - *See note on “double hand washing” in Staff Training section
- Dry hands with single-use, disposable towels
 - *NOTE: in most cases, there won’t be warm water available in the garden. Discretion will need to happen on the part of the garden coordinator. A handwashing station or simply a garden hose will be better than nothing if hands become soiled.
- Tell students that when garden produce is harvested, the food going to the cafeteria is the same as any food going to a restaurant. They wouldn’t want people to touch their hair or face before they touched their food, right? In the garden, students shouldn’t touch their face/hair and then touch food that is going to the cafeteria.
- **Shoes:** Flip-flops or bare feet can be hazardous in a garden, as well as unsanitary. Closed-toed shoes should be worn in the garden.
- **Eating food right from the garden.** NOTHING should be eaten without asking the Garden Coordinator!
- **Tools:** The adult in charge will supervise any use of tools. Only use the tools in their intended use.
- **Fertilizers:** Only adults are allowed to handle and apply fertilizers.

