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Ward Melville H.S. Uses Leading-Edge Technology to Proactively Address Bacteria

...Ward Melville joins list of top universities and pro teams that use innovative antimicrobial system...

Rochester Hills, MI...CSG/SportsCoatings, in conjunction with Ward Melville High School in Long Island, New York, today announced the school's wrestling and physical education facilities have been treated with the Sports Antimicrobial System (SAS). The comprehensive treatment, which eliminates illness-causing microorganisms such as MRSA (methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus) and continually inhibits bacterial growth on surfaces for three years, was applied to mats, wall mats and other high-touch areas in the Ward Melville wrestling room.

"The administration of Ward Melville High School understands how important it is to take a proactive approach to issues that can occur because of microbial contaminants such as bacteria and fungi," said Don Webster, Director of HPERA Ward Melville High School. "This Sports Antimicrobial system is a long-lasting, 24/7 solution to bacterial growth in facility that is used throughout the day and into the evening by our wrestling team, physical education classes, and other community activities."

A recent independent study conducted by the Comprehensive Athletic Treatment Center showed that treating surfaces and fabrics with SAS antimicrobial products can significantly reduce the spread of skin ailments when used in concert with a total hygiene program. The study also revealed that SAS antimicrobial products play a key role in reducing problematic microorganisms in athletic environments.

"We put a program into place to reduce the potential for infectious skin disease control using two industry-leading antimicrobial treatments from CSG/SportsCoatings as part of a total hygiene program," said Dr. Thomas D. Kohl of the CATC. "Thus far, data from the study has shown the antimicrobial treatments play a key role in reducing the presence of problematic organisms."

Utilized by some of the nation's most prominent college wrestling programs and franchises in the NFL, NBA and MLB, the Sports Antimicrobial System is recognized in the sports world as the most comprehensive, long-lasting antimicrobial solution because the process is thorough and the products are innovative. Certified applicators begin the process by systematically applying a cleaner disinfectant that was formulated to work in synergy with SAS antimicrobial products. This is an integral portion of the process because it effectively kills 99.9% of germs and bacteria, including harmful microbial contaminants like MRSA (methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus) and stap h. After properly cleaning all the surfaces tabbed for treatment, an advanced antimicrobial product called SportsAide® 1000 is sprayed throughout the facility.

"CSG/SportsCoatings is happy to welcome Ward Melville to our family of high school athletic programs, and we commend them for setting a great example for high schools and youth sports programs in the state," said Kevin Smith, Director of Wrestling, CSG/SportsCoatings.

Just one treatment of SportsAide 1000 will inhibit the growth of bacteria, mold, and fungi on surfaces for up to three years. The advanced antimicrobial power of SportsAide 1000 is vastly superior to any other technology for several key reasons. The water-based antimicrobial fights a wide array of microbial growth 24/7. Most importantly, SportsAide 1000 will not create adaptive organisms or "super bugs" like MRSA. Also, it is hypoallergenic, non-sensitizing and non-irritating to human skin. Finally, it is important to note that the antimicrobial technology powering SportsAide 1000 has been proven effective through 30 years of use in high-performance settings such as surgical clean rooms.

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