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City of San Diego & WAXIE Join Forces to Fight the Flu

WAXIE Sanitary Supply partners with the City of San Diego to stop the spread of deadly germs.

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San Diego, CA - WAXIE Sanitary Supply, the City of San Diego, and their partners have stepped up to nip this year's flu season in the bud. Along with GOJO, the makers of Purell Hand Sanitizer, WAXIE and the City of San Diego announced the placement of hand sanitizer stations at 57 of the city's recreation centers and 36 public libraries on October 10th, 2018.

Rick Hazard, Vice President of Marketing for WAXIE Sanitary Supply, joined City of San Diego Councilmember Mark Kersey, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer and other city representatives to announce the accomplishment.

"It is our pleasure to join the Mayor, Councilman Kersey, and our community leaders to support how clean hands save lives. Keeping hands cleaned and sanitized is one of the most important steps a person can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others," Hazard said.

The move follows last season's historically deadly flu season during which 342 people died due to flu-related complications, the highest death total since 1988, when the County of San Diego started tracking flu deaths.

San Diego City Councilman Mark Kersey, who lost his brother to the flu in 2014, wrote in an op-ed for the [San Diego Union-Tribune](http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com) that this was an "opportunity to turn tragedy into action."

In addition to the hand sanitizing stations already placed, the San Diego Chapter of the California Restaurant Association has donated 200 hand sanitizers to be placed at local restaurants. Their goal is to cover 1,000 locations this flu season.

San Diego County Public Health Officer Dr. Wilma Wooten pointed out that, "Everyone 6 months and older should get vaccinated now before flu season arrives. The vaccine is safe and effective. All San Diegans should get vaccinated to avoid getting sick and spreading the virus to others."

WAXIE Sanitary is proud to have helped spearhead efforts to stop the spread of the flu in San Diego for this season and the years to come.

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Above Photo: WAXIE Sanitary Supply & GOJO partnered with the City of San Diego to install Purell Hand Sanitizer Stations in all local libraries and recreation centers; left to right – WAXIE Vice President of Marketing, Rick Hazard; City of San Diego Councilmember Mark Kersey; WAXIE San Diego General Manager, Lee Jackson; and WAXIE Director of Channel Marketing & Sustainability, Keith Schneringer.

About GOJO: GOJO is the leading global producer and marketer of skin health and hygiene solutions for away-from-home settings. The broad GOJO product portfolio includes hand cleaning, hand washing, hand sanitizing, skin care formulas and surface sprays under the GOJO®, PURELL™ and PROVON® brand names. GOJO is known for state-of-the-art dispensing technology, engineered with attention to design, sustainability and functionality. GOJO is a family enterprise headquartered in Akron, Ohio, with operations throughout the globe. www.gojo.com

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