







• Optional: Hang this print out on the door of your meeting room



**OBJECTIVE:** Establish friendly connection with participants

### SUGGESTED SCRIPT:

- Good Morning/Good Afternoon. My name is [FACILITATOR NAME].
- Our presentation for today is on cough etiquette.
- Fun fact: while we call today's session cough etiquette the official term is respiratory hygiene which includes sneezing etiquette. So today we will be covering what to do when you cough or sneeze.
- We know this is a topic you may already be familiar with so today will be a refresher for some and may provide new information and insight for others.
- Please make sure you have signed in.



**OBJECTIVE:** Explain why cough etiquette is so important

## SUGGESTED SCRIPT:

- How far do you think particles from a sneeze can travel? You can just yell out your answer.
- Up to 27 feet! That's a long way! Most school buses are about 40 feet long end to end. That means that a person sitting in the back row of the school bus could sneeze and the particles would reach the first row (if not the driver!)
  - Facilitator Note: Try to liken 27 feet to the length of the room or a place they all know within the facility. i.e. "That means that if I sneezed at the front door of this facility, the droplets from my sneeze could reach the cafeteria!"
- Here are some\_funny myths and interesting facts about sneezing. If you think it's true give me a thumbs up. If you think it's false give me a thumbs down.
  - You can't sneeze with your eyes open because your eyeballs will pop out Thumbs down – False
  - According to the Guinness Book of World Records the longest sneezing "fit" is 976 days – Thumbs up – True
  - Sneezes can travel up to 100 miles per hour Thumbs up TRUE
  - Your heart stops when you sneeze Thumbs down FALSE (but the force of a sneeze can change the rhythm of your heartbeat)
  - Best way to make someone sneeze is tickling their nose or pulling out a nose hair – Thumbs up - True
  - You won't sneeze during REM sleep Thumbs up True



# **OBJECTIVE:** Explain when and why to use good cough etiquette **SUGGESTED SCRIPT:**

- Why do we use cough etiquette?
  - It protects others who are around you
- When should you use cough etiquette?
  - Whenever you cough or sneeze
- How far can germs spread when you cough?
  - 3-7 feet in front of you
- What is an adverse effect that can occur if cough etiquette is not used?
  - Others could get sick



**OBJECTIVE:** To confirm the participants understand the key lessons on cough etiquette

### SUGGESTED SCRIPT:

• Pop quiz!

• True or False – Give me a thumbs up if the answer is true, a thumbs down if the answer is false.

- I should cover my mouth with my hand when I cough or sneeze.
  - False. Thumbs Down
  - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue and if you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands.
- It's important to immediately wash my hands or use an alcohol-based hand rub after I blow my nose, cough or sneeze.
  - True Thumbs Up..
  - Keeping hands clean can help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses.
- I should lay my used tissue on my desk so I can dispose of it later.
  - False. Thumbs down.
  - Use the nearest waste receptacle to dispose of the tissue after use.
- Always turn your face away from people standing around you when you cough or sneeze.
  - True. Thumbs Up.



**OBJECTIVE:** To give participants time to ask any questions they may have. **SUGGESTED SCRIPT:** 

- What questions do you have about what you learned today?
  - Facilitator note: By asking in this way, rather than "does anyone have any questions" you are showing that you assume people will have questions, which will make participants more likely to ask questions if they have one.



#### SUGGESTED SCRIPT

- Thank you for your participation today! That concludes our presentation on cough etiquette!
- Please remember to sign in the attendance sheet
  - Facilitator Note: Wipe Down surfaces touched; Leave area like you found it. Provide Leave Behinds and/or copy of presentation