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MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENTS FIGHT TO LESSEN ILLNESSES

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To help assist in the prevention of possible illness from the H1N1 virus, skin infections, and other seasonal illnesses the Missouri Valley College sophomore Athletic Training Students took this morning to completely clean and disinfect the Missouri Valley College Athletic Training Facility.

This effort was arranged by Head Athletic Trainer Matt Rowlett. “We started to see an increase in the number of illnesses seen on-campus and specifically amongst our student-athletes,” explained Rowlett. “Since the Athletic Training Facility is a place where most of our 800 student-athletes go by or through, we wanted to do our part to reduce the chances of them getting ill.”

The sophomore Athletic Training Students specifically liked this idea as it was performed as part of their practicum class. Ironically enough, one sophomore Athletic Training Student was unable to participate because he missed class due to an illness.

“We were extremely impressed with their effort and enthusiasm,” commented Graduate Assistant Sierra Fultz. “Every possible surface that bleach water could get onto was cleaned and disinfected and everything that could get into a washer was washed.”

“You know when something is clean when you walk into it and smell the bleach,” explained Janie Jungermann who helped the cleaning effort. “It was a good feeling to know that the Athletic Training Facility was disinfected and student-athletes will not become ill from this facility.”

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