

## CASE STUDY

### BUILDING HEALTHIER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES

**Client:** Millinocket Regional Hospital

**Location:** Millinocket, ME

**Product:** Soapwell™ Mobile Handwashing Station

soapwell  
by ELKAY™

## SITUATION

As the global pandemic, COVID-19, continues to impact all areas of the world, there is an ever-increasing need to protect the safety of our communities. Among social distancing, face coverings, and disinfecting surfaces, **the single most effective way to prevent the spread of the virus is hand-washing.**

The COVID-19 virus is engulfed by a shell-like structure that can be penetrated by soap and enables the viral material to be washed away. While COVID-19 is primarily thought to be spread by inhaling droplets released through the cough or sneeze of an infected person, experts suggest that the virus particles can also be transferred through contact with contaminated surfaces. When a healthy person unknowingly touches an infected surface, they may transfer the viral particles to the next surface they come in contact with. Touching their eyes, mouth, or nose while carrying these virus particles on their hands provides the virus entry into their body and will likely result in sickness.

Soap, water, and proper hand-washing techniques remain the gold standard for hand hygiene and the best mitigation tactic for viruses—including COVID-19. **Elkay Manufacturing, global experts in manufacturing stainless sinks and faucets, saw an opportunity to use their expertise to support the need to prevent illness and keep our communities healthy.**



*“The sinks have been an incredible asset in protecting our healthcare workers and patients in just the short time we’ve had them. We’re all very impressed with how sleek, efficient and high tech they are. The ‘no touch’ features are critical in our environment and were a pleasant surprise.”*

Millinocket Regional Hospital  
Millinocket, ME

## SOLUTION

With the company's 100-year history, Elkay has seen crises before and have been there to assist – today's needs are no different. Focusing on one of their key values, "Our strength is in our people," Elkay went to work developing a mobile hand-washing station to be used as a portable option for touchless hand-washing. Within a week, the first unit was designed and produced in the Elkay Commercial Systems manufacturing plant in Spokane, WA, home of Elkay's commercial division's stainless steel furniture manufacturing.

Soapwell™ is an entirely hands-free wash station, offering sensor-activated soap and hand towel dispensers with on-demand hot water. Soapwell is a mobile unit that can adapt to any environment. The durable stainless steel and sensor-activated design makes it easy to clean and prevents the spread of germs, leaving you with a cleaner space and healthier customers and communities.

### 100% Hands-Free

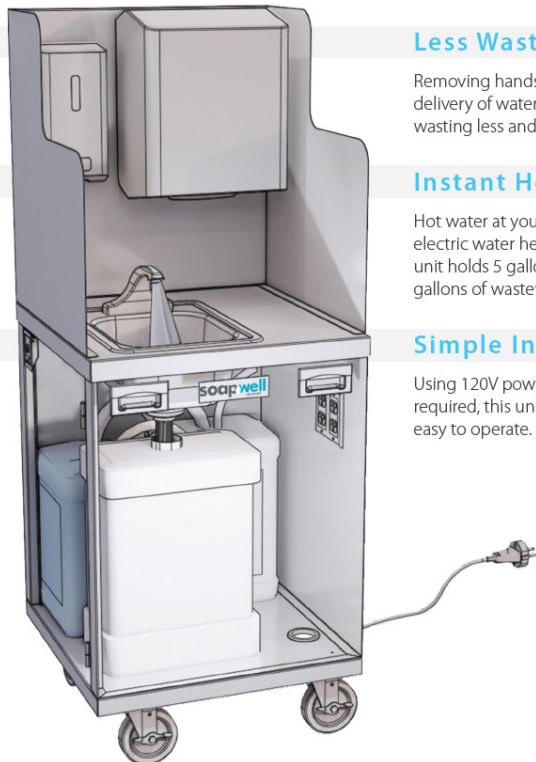
Completely touchless, the sensors activate the faucet, soap dispenser, and paper towel dispenser.

### Cleaner Environments

The durable stainless steel design is easy to disinfect, leaving you with a cleaner space and healthier customers and communities.

### Mobile

The portable unit is built on locking casters and features recessed pull handles making it easy to reposition or relocate.



### Less Waste

Removing hands automatically stops the delivery of water, soap, and paper towel – wasting less and saving you money.

### Instant Hot Water

Hot water at your fingertips. With an electric water heater and pump, the unit holds 5 gallons of freshwater and 6 gallons of wastewater.

### Simple Installation

Using 120V power with no plumbing required, this unit is simple to set up and easy to operate.

## RESULT

### *From our partners at Millinocket Regional Hospital.*

The Soapwell hand-washing stations are an incredible asset in protecting our healthcare workers as well as our patients as we fight the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Strategically located at each of our major entrances, the Soapwell hand-washing stations are critical in minimizing the spread of germs throughout our facility by eliminating them at the door. They reinforce the importance hand hygiene plays in the mitigation of COVID-19 and encourage both patients and staff to engage in this practice when entering and exiting the building, an opportunity they didn't have before. The motion-activated features trigger the water, soap, and paper towels to be used without contact, a critical element in preventing cross-contamination. Each step of the hand-washing process can be done efficiently and effectively.

Providing excellent healthcare is only one part of what we do. Keeping our community healthy through prevention tactics is also essential to our mission. Soapwell offers us another layer of defense against COVID-19 so that we continue to do both.

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