



JPS HEALTH NETWORK

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JPS - First Tarrant County Hospital to Earn CleanZone Certification *Demonstration of Eco-Friendly Cleaner to be Given at Award Presentation*

Fort Worth, Texas– JPS Health Network will be recognized as the first hospital in Tarrant County to earn the prestigious CleanZone Certification from JanPak Inc. Media is invited to attend the award presentation that will be made at the JPS Board of Managers meeting that will be held at noon, Thursday, December 10, in the OPC Auditoriums located in the Outpatient Building at John Peter Smith Hospital – 1500 S. Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas. A demonstration of a unique floor buffer that doesn't use water and chemicals to clean floors. The floors are just as clean and the by-product is non-toxic potable water.

CleanZone is a unique certification program that is designed to create a healthier workplace and healthcare environment through the implementation of responsible cleaning products, systems and waste reduction solutions. In order to earn the designation, JPS incorporated some of the following earth friendly measures:

- Utilizing only Green Seal Cleaners
- Purchasing HEPA Vacuums
- Practicing Chemical Dilution Control
- Reducing paper and plastic – such as adding new paper towel dispensers that use less battery power and control the amount of paper dispensed

According to JPS Health Network President and CEO, Robert Earley, “Our first priority is to ensure the health of our patients and employees. This certification recognizes that, thanks to our environmental services partners Sodexo and JanPak, we can maintain the same high level of quality standards while also working to better the health of our community and the planet.”

“We developed the CleanZone program in response to a growing awareness among building owners that tenants were concerned about healthier work environments.” according to JanPak CleanZone developer, Brian L’Heureux. “That awareness of the health benefits of working in spaces maintained without potentially toxic cleaning products has translated into a marketplace advantage for those buildings making the transition to environmentally-friendly cleaning products and methods.”

Organizations can strive to meet criteria in three levels of CleanZone Certification. These three levels utilize third party certification independent of any sponsorship of Green Cleaning products and procedures. More information on the criteria for each level, and details about healthier workplace environments can be found at www.green.janpak.com.

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