

Mobile Dan To The Rescue

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Dany Leblond wears several hats in his professional life. One of his activities offers him great satisfaction. For the past eight years, he has been wandering in southwestern Quebec to disinfect sports equipment.

Equipped with an ozone cleaning machine that he carries around in his minivan, the hockey coach also serves associations and schools by cleaning and disinfecting their sports equipment. “Dan Sani Sport” provides its services to everyone, even individuals.

Mostly specialized in football, he has numerous clients in the field of hockey. And when he visits schools, some of them take the opportunity to have their intramural sports equipment cleaned.

Actually, these old, smelly hockey gloves and helmets, for example, worn several times a day by young students who take turns at recess in the gym, constitute real microbial sources. According to him, a tiny portion of schools clean their equipment.

Inconsistency

“I can’t believe that a school, an association or a sports team that reassigns equipment to a new player every year doesn’t have it disinfected to kill bacteria before passing it on to another player,” says Leblond, who charges a small fee per equipment. One cycle per year is the minimum.”

“What is inconceivable is that there is no regularity in the cleaning cycles,” he denounced, recommending a better microbial watch by school and sports authorities. Cleaning one year and not cleaning the next year because of a lack of budget is not correct. This is a health issue. Cleaning and disinfection help prevent infections. Sometimes, I think the people in charge are waiting for a problem to arise.”

Nearly 3000 cycles

In eight years, he completed more than 2700 disinfection cycles of about 12 minutes each. It is impossible to calculate the total number of pieces of equipment that have passed through it; when he fills his machine

with about one cubic metre, he can display at least 2 hockey equipment, sometimes 3 if it is material intended for young kids. He can also include 21 helmets or about 10 pairs of football shoulder pads.

In his quest to protect young athletes from bacteria, he wants to extend his mobile service across Quebec.

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