

# Clean Your Hands!



## How to wash your hands with soap and water:

- Use soap and warm, running water.
- Keep fingers pointing down.
- Rub hands vigorously for 20 seconds. Wash all surfaces:
  - Backs of hands
  - Wrists
  - Between fingers
  - Tips of fingers
  - Thumbs
  - Under fingernails
- Dry vigorously with paper or clean cloth towel.
- Turn off faucet with towel and open door with towel.

## How it works:

- The soap suspends the dirt and soils.
- The friction motion helps pull dirt and greasy or oily soils free from the skin.
- Warm running water washes away suspended dirt and soils that trap germs.
- Final friction of wiping hands removes more germs.

## How to clean your hands with an alcohol-based handrub:

- Apply a dime sized amount of handrub gel to the palm of one hand or use an alcohol-based handrub wipe.
- Rub hands together covering all surfaces of hands and fingers until handrub is absorbed.

## How they work:

- Act quickly to kill microorganisms
- Reduce bacterial counts on hands

Wash your hands with soap and water when your hands are visibly soiled. If soap and water is not available, use alcohol-based handrub (wipes or gel).

Food handlers in restaurants, schools, delis and grocery stores must wash their hands with soap and water before applying hand sanitizers.

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