

Handwashing

Hands should be washed to reduce the spread of germs and illnesses.

Hands should be washed if they are visibly dirty and...

- · After coughing, sneezing, & blowing your nose
- After going to the bathroom, handling diapers or helping a child/person with toileting
- After touching animals including feeding or picking-up their waste
- · After cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting
- After touching garbage
- · After caring for some who is sick
- · After treating a injury or wound
- · After touching your eyes
- After entering a child care facility
- · Before & after eating and working with food

Soap & Water:



1. Turn on the water (warm or cold)



5. Rinse all the soap off hands



2. Wet hands



6. Dry hands on towel



3. Add soap (liquid or bar soap)



7. Turn off water



4. Rub the front, back of your hands and wrist. Get under your fingernails and between your fingers. Rub hands together for 20 seconds. (It could be helpful to sing ABC's or another song to make hand washing fun and so children will know when 20 seconds is over.)

Hand Sanitizer:

- If soap & water are not available, then use hand sanitizer
- It must be at least 60% alcohol based
- If hands are visibly dirty, they should be washed with soap & water

Resource:

 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Handwashing: Clean Hands Save Lives CDC-TV: Health Matters Series of Videos on Handwashing https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/videos.html

References:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): Cleaning and Disinfection for Community Facilities: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html
- Mayo Clinic: Healthy Lifestyle, Adult Health: Hand-Washing Do's and Don'ts https://www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/adult-health/in-depth/hand-washing/art-20046253





Super Clean Hands



Turn on the water



Wet your hands



Add soap to your hands



Rub your hands together with soap (for 20 seconds)



Rinse your hands



Turn off the water



Dry your hands. Get them super dry!

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