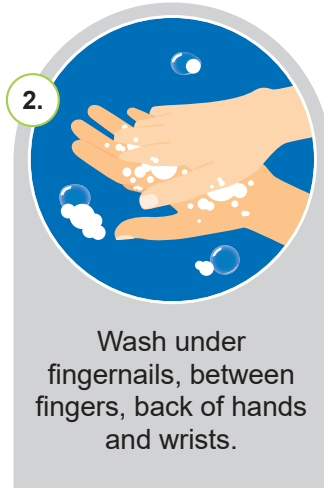


# HAND WASHING

*What You Need to Know*



## HAND WASHING STEPS



### IN PUBLIC BATHROOMS

- Dry your hands with a single-use paper towel (or with hot air blow dryer).
- If towel dispenser has a handle, be sure to roll the paper down before you wash your hands. This helps to ensure that you will not pick up new germs from the handle.
- For hand-held faucets, turn off water using a paper towel instead of bare hands so you will not pick up new germs on your clean hands.
- Open the bathroom door with the same paper towel.

### ALWAYS PRACTICE HEALTHY HABITS

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when sneezing or coughing, or cough/sneeze into your upper sleeve. Immediately throw away used tissues, then wash hands.
- Teach and show children how to wash hands correctly.

### WHEN TO WASH HANDS

#### Wash hands after:

- Coughing, sneezing, or touching objects and surfaces. You can also use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- Using the bathroom or helping a child use the bathroom
- Changing a diaper; wash the child's hands too
- Handling items soiled with body fluids or wastes such as blood, drool, urine, stool, or discharge from nose or eyes
- Arriving home from day care, friend's home, outing, or school
- Cleaning up messes
- Handling a sick child
- Touching an animal or pet

#### Wash hands before:

- Preparing or serving food
- Eating or drinking

**THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS IS WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN**

Washing hands is more effective than hand sanitizer.