

Coronavirus COVID-19

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Hand Hygiene

SOAP OR ALCOHOL-BASED HAND RUB: Which is best?

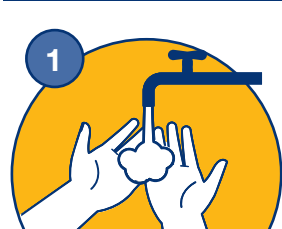


Either will clean your hands: use soap and water if hands are visibly soiled.

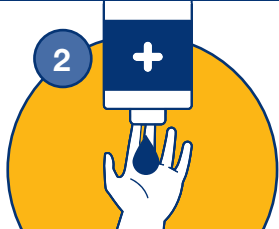


Remove hand and wrist jewellery

HOW TO HAND WASH



1
Wet hands with warm (not hot or cold) running water



2
Apply liquid or foam soap



3
Lather soap covering all surfaces of hands for 20-30 seconds



4
Rinse thoroughly under running water



5
Pat hands dry thoroughly with paper towel



6
Use paper towel to turn off the tap

HOW TO USE HAND RUB



1
Ensure hands are visibly clean (if soiled, follow hand washing steps)



2
Apply about a loonie-sized amount to your hands



3
Rub all surfaces of your hand and wrist until completely dry (15-20 seconds)

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