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How to wash your hands?

Hand washing is one of the single most important actions in preventing and controlling infection. For the most effective results, you should follow this **12-step process**.



STEP 1

Wet your hands under running warm water.



STEP 2

Apply liquid soap.



STEP 3

Rub your hands together palm to palm.



STEP 4

Rub your hands together with fingers interlaced.



STEP 5

Wash the back of your hands and around your wrists.



STEP 6

Rub each thumb with the opposite hand.



STEP 7

Scrub hands with interlocked fingers and palms facing.



STEP 8

Scrub each palm with the opposite fingers.



STEP 9

Rinse your hands thoroughly.



STEP 10

Turn the taps off using your elbows.



STEP 11

Dry your hands with paper towels.



STEP 12

Place all paper towels in a bin.