

Better Health

How to hand wash

Wash hands when visibly soiled. Otherwise, use handrub with hand sanitiser.



Length of time to spend washing: 40-60 seconds



Wet hands with water



Right palm over the back of the left hand with interlaced fingers and do same on other hand



Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces



Palm to palm with fingers interlaced



Rub hands palm to palm



Backs of fingers to opposite palm with fingers interlocked



Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and do same on other hand



Dry hands thoroughly with a clean towel or single use towel





Rub in a circle with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm do same on other hand



For non-clinical hand wash basins turn off the tap with a tissue



Rinse hands with water



Your hands are now safe

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