



Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Put your used tissue in the waste basket.

You can also consider wearing a high-quality, well-fitting face mask which may help reduce the spread of respiratory germs.





Wash hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, especially after touching tissues with secretions after coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.





## **How to Handwash?**

WASH HANDS WHEN VISIBLY SOILED! OTHERWISE, USE HANDRUB

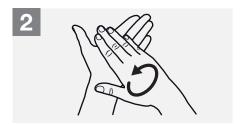
## **Duration of the entire procedure: 40-60 seconds**



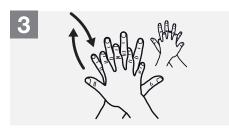
Wet hands with water;



Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces;



Rub hands palm to palm;



Right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa;



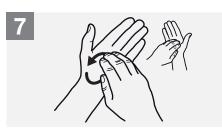
Palm to palm with fingers interlaced;



Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked;



Rotational rubbing of left thumb clasped in right palm and vice versa;



Rotational rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of right hand in left palm and vice versa;



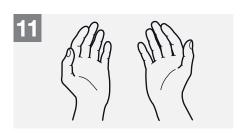
Rinse hands with water;



Dry hands thoroughly with a single use towel;



Use towel to turn off faucet;



Your hands are now safe.



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