

Turn on the water to a comfortable temperature and wet your hands.



Turn off the faucet and apply non-antibacterial liquid soap.
The water can be left running if your program chooses, but it is not required.



Wash your hands for twenty seconds. Set a timer or sing the Happy Birthday song twice to ensure the twenty seconds is met.



Scrub your hands together to create a soapy lather. Cover all surfaces of your hands: palms, fingertips, fingernails, thumbs, and the back of your hands.

Child Care Hand Washing Procedure

WHEN TO WASH YOUR HANDS: Children and adults should wash their hands upon arrival; before and after preparing food, eating, feeding a child, shared moist sensory play (e.g. water play, playdough); and after toileting/ diapering, sand play, dealing with bodily fluids (e.g. blowing noses), playing outside, touching animals or contaminated objects, giving first aid; and whenever hands appear dirty.

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OPTIONAL: Cut along the dotted line and align pieces side by side. Tape or glue together and place by your hand washing sink.



After scrubbing, rinse your hands under running water until they are free of soap and dirt.



After rinsing, turn off the water.

A paper towel or a single-use cloth may be used to turn off the faucet, but it is not required.



Dry your hands with a clean, disposable paper towel or a single-use cloth towel. Or, dry thoroughly with an air dryer.



Throw the disposable paper towel into a plastic-lined, hands-free, covered trash can.