

How to wash your hands



Help stop the spread of coronavirus by washing your hands properly

This guide shows you the best way to wash your hands.



1. Turn on the taps and wet your hands.



2. Put soap on your hands.



3. Rub the palms of your hands together.



4. Put one hand over the other, wash the back of your hand and in between your fingers.



5. Turn your hands the other way.
Wash the back of your other hand
and in between your fingers.



6. Turn your hands palm to palm.
Lock your hands together. Clean in
between your fingers.



7. With your left palm facing up, use
your right hand to grab the 4 fingers
on the left hand and close both
hands together.



8. Wash the backs of your fingers on
the palms of your hands.



9. Using your right hand, make a fist
around your left thumb. Wash your
thumb.



10. Do the same thing the other way
around. Wash your other thumb.



11. Rub the tips of your fingers on your palm.



12. Turn your hands around and do the same on the other side.



13. Using your left hand, make a fist around your right wrist.



14. Then wash your other wrist.



15. Wash the soap off your hands with water.



16. Dry your hands with a paper towel.



17. Turn off the tap with the paper towel.



18. Throw the paper towel away.



Washing your hands should take about 20 seconds.



That is about the same time it takes to sing 'Happy Birthday' all the way through 2 times.



What if my hands get sore?



Putting cream on your hands is helpful for some people.



If your hands get very sore or painful, get advice from the **chemist** or call **NHS 111**