How to Handwash?

WASH HANDS WHEN VISIBLY SOILED! OTHERWISE, USE HANDRUB



Duration of the handwash (steps 2-7): 15-20 seconds Duration of the entire procedure: 40-60 seconds



Wet hands with water;



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



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





Apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces;



Palm to palm with fingers interlaced;



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





Rub hands palm to palm;



Backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked;



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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