

Wet your hands with warm or cold water. Hot water is not required. The soap - and your cleaning action - will get rid of the germs. Use enough soap to cover the surface of both hands.

Rub your hands together for at least 20 seconds to work up a good lather. Scrub the back of your hands, and wash between your fingers, fingertips and under your nails.

Rinse your
hands to get off all
the soap residue, and
avoid touching the sides
of the sink or faucet.
Keep your hands
pointing down so dirty
water doesn't run into
your sleeves.

Dry your hands
thoroughly, and don't
wipe them on your
clothes - that puts
bacteria and viruses back
on your hands.

Dry hands don't spread as many germs as wet ones.

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