How to Wash with Soap and Water



Wet hands under lukewarm running water.



Dispense soap.



Rub hands palm to palm.



Rub right palm over top of left hand with interlaced fingers. Repeat with left palm over top of right hand.



Rub palms together with fingers interlaced.



Rinse hands thoroughly with running water.



Rub backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked.



Dry with clean paper towels. Turn water off using towel.



Rotate rubbing the left thumb clasped in the right palm. Repeat with right thumb clasped in the left palm.



Rotate rubbing, backwards and forwards with clasped fingers of you right hand in your left palm. Repeat with left hand in right palm.

The total process should take approximately 40-60 seconds.

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