How to Hand Wash

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- Roll up long sleeves and push up any wrist accessories
- Wet hands with warm water
- Apply enough soap to cover surfaces of the hands











- Vigorously rub soap over palms, backs of hands and wrists
- Include space between fingers, fingertips and thumbs
- Procedure should take 15 to 30 seconds







- Rinse under warm, running water
- Pat hands dry with disposable towel
- Turn tap off with the disposable towel

Periodically apply AHS-provided hand lotion for skin integrity.

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