

Best Practices for Using Hand Sanitizer

When you can't use soap and water, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Quick Facts about Hand Sanitizers

Sanitizers can quickly reduce the number of germs on hands in many situations. But here's what you might not know.



- Sanitizers do not get rid of all types of germs.
- Hand sanitizers may not be as effective when hands are visibly dirty or greasy.
- Hand sanitizers might not remove harmful chemicals like pesticides and heavy metals.
- Swallowing alcohol-based hand sanitizers can cause alcohol poisoning if more than a couple of mouthfuls are swallowed. Keep it out of reach of young children and supervise use.

How to Use Hand Sanitizer



Apply the gel product to the palm of one hand (for the correct amount, read the label).



Rub your hands together.



Rub the gel over all surfaces of your hands and fingers until your hands are dry. This should take around 20 seconds.