

Mosaic's **Advanced**Hand Washing Protocols

Wash Hands Immediately in ALL Instances:

- <u>Before Initial Client (Person)/Client Environment Contact</u>: This should be done on entry to the room or bed space, even if the client (person)/resident has not been touched.
- <u>Personal Care Procedures</u>: Clean your hands immediately before performing personal care and before putting on gloves. Procedures include showering/sponge bath, oral/denture care, perineal care.
- After Body Fluid Exposure Risk: Clean your hands after care involving contact with blood, body fluids, secretions
 and excretions of a client (person)/resident, even if gloves are worn and before moving to another activity.
- After Contact: Clean your hands after contact with a client (person)/resident, or items in their immediate surroundings, also when leaving the room/home, even if the client (person)/resident has not been touched.
- Food Safety: Clean your hands before preparing, handling or serving food or medications to a client (person)/resident.
- Handling Garbage: Clean your hands after disposing garbage.
- Whenever in doubt!

Notes to Remember:

- Hand washing is the most effective way to prevent the transmission of germs.
- The use of gloves does not replace the need to wash your hands.
- Discard gloves after each procedure.
- Do not wear hand jewelry bacteria can linger onto bracelets, rings, and watches.
- Do not touch your face!



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