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# Viral infections – **hygiene protects!**

These measures help protect you and others from infectious diseases – including the coronavirus.

# The most important hygiene tips:





# Keep your distance

Where possible, always maintain a distance of at least 1.5 metres from other people. Particularly if they show signs of illness, such as a cough, runny nose and sneezing or fever.



# Stay at home if you are ill

If you have symptoms of a respiratory infection, such as a cough, runny nose and sneezing or fever, then stay at home. Reduce direct contact with other people. If necessary, call a doctor for advice.



# Avoid physical contact

Do not shake hands or hug when you greet people or say goodbye.



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### **Do not touch your face** Avoid touching your mouth, eyes or nose with your hands.



# Wash your hands regularly throughout the day

Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



# Wear a mask over your mouth and nose where required

Stay up to date with the current regulations. Always wear a mask over your mouth and nose where required. You should generally wear a mask if you have symptoms and have to leave the house, and when you cannot maintain the minimum distance of 1.5 metres from other people.



