Stop Coronavirus: Keep clean
Coronavirus has to get in your body to make you sick.

It can get in our bodies through our eyes, nose and mouth.

So, the best way to stop coronavirus, is to stop it getting in!

One of the best ways to do this is to keep clean.

This booklet will tell you how to do this.
Coronavirus is so small that we cannot see it.

This virus travels in tiny drops in the air.

When someone with the virus coughs or sneezes the drops can travel from them into the space around them.

The drops can land on our hands and the objects around us.

The virus can live where it lands.
If we touch things with the virus on our hands, it can live on the thing we touch.

And if we touch something with coronavirus on it, it will be on our hands.

Think about the things we touch every day, including:

- Door handles
- Food
- Mobile phones
- Door keys
Having the virus on your hands should not make you sick.

But if you touch your face with the virus on your hands, it can get in your mouth, nose or eyes.

If it gets in your body, you may catch the virus and get sick.

That is why you must

...wash your hands often

...and not touch your face
How to wash your hands

You should wash your hands for 20 seconds.

This may be longer than normal for you.

Some people like to use a song to count the time.

You can sing ‘happy birthday to you’ 2 times.
It is important to **wash your hands** often.

Remember to do it......

1. Before making food or eating
2. After coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose
3. After using the toilet
4. After going out
There is a special way to wash your hands to make sure they are clean.

We have made an easy read guide all about how to wash your hands in this way.

You can find it at: www.mencap.org.uk/handwashing

You must make sure to wash every bit of your hands.

Wash your palms, fingers, backs of your hands, fingertips and nails.
Catch coughs and sneezes!

Catch coughs and sneezes in a tissue if you can.

Throw the tissue in the bin right away.

Then wash your hands with soap and water.
If you do not have a tissue, sneeze into your elbow.

Try not to cough or sneeze into your hands.

Try not to cough or sneeze near to other people.

Stay away from other people who are coughing or sneezing.
How long can the virus live on something I have touched?

The virus can live on a surface for around 2 days.

If you touch something a lot

Or if you cough or sneeze on something

Make sure you clean it.
Where can I get more information?


If you are worried, speak to someone you trust or call the Learning Disability Helpline on 0808 808 1111

For medical advice call 111

In an emergency call 999