



HAND HYGIENE

in Hurricane-Affected Areas

Floodwater can be contaminated with microorganisms, sewage, industrial waste, chemicals and other substances that can cause illness or death.

Wear Protective Gloves

- Wear protective gloves when working in contaminated floodwaters, handling contaminated objects, or handling human or animal remains.
- Wear thick, cut-resistant gloves made of waterproof material (nitrile or similar washable material).

Wash Hands With Soap and Water

- Use soap and clean water whenever possible or a waterless, alcohol-based hand rub.
- Wash hands often, especially after cleanup or decontamination work; before preparing or eating food; and after toilet use.
- Hand washing prevents disease transmission.

Wound Care

- Wash wounds with soap and clean water whenever possible or a waterless, alcohol-based hand rub immediately.
- Seek immediate medical attention if a wound becomes red, swells or oozes pus.

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