



SAFETY TALK

Protecting yourself from the cold and flu

They call it the “common cold” because it is one of the most common illnesses to humans.

What’s the danger

The cold and flu is a viral infection that constantly mutates so that once our bodies have fought it off it can come back and make us sick all over again.

It can take the form of headaches, dry mouths, sore throats, running noses and many other annoying symptoms that cause us to miss work and school.

How to protect yourself

- Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gels
- Routinely clean and disinfect commonly used surfaces.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Eat well, exercise and get a good night’s sleep. Keeping your body in good physical condition is the best way to make sure your immune system can fight off viruses like the cold and flu.

How to protect others

- Cough and sneeze into the inside of your arm, not into your hands.
- If you’re able to, stay home from work or school for the day. This will allow you to rest up while your body fights off your cold, and will prevent your colleagues from getting sick.
- If you do get a cold, you should try your best to protect your family and co-workers from getting sick as well.

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