

There are certain groups of people (for example, food handlers, healthcare workers, young children), who may have to remain off work or school until stool samples have been tested to show that they are no longer carrying *E.coli* O157.

How should hands be washed?

Always use warm, running water and a mild, preferably liquid, soap. (It is not necessary to use soaps labelled as antiseptic or antibacterial.)

Wet hands and apply a small amount of soap
Rub hands together vigorously for 10-15 seconds
Pay special attention to areas between fingers, finger tips, and palms.
Rinse hands under warm running water
Dry thoroughly on a clean dry towel.

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