



# Healthy habits help keep your family well.

## Take care: Cover coughs and sneezes. Keep hands clean.

Healthy habits can protect you and your children from getting germs or spreading germs at home, work and school. Simple actions can stop germs and prevent illnesses.

**Cover your mouth and nose.** Use a tissue when you cough or sneeze and drop it in the trash. If you don't have a tissue, cover your mouth and nose as best you can.

**Clean your hands often.** Clean your hands every time you cough or sneeze. Hand washing stops germs. Alcohol-based gels and wipes also work well.

**Remind your children to practice healthy habits, too.** Germs that cause colds, coughs, flu and pneumonia can spread easily.

**Healthy habits help reduce illnesses and sick days.** Feel good about doing the right things to stay well.

## Healthy habits stop germs. At home, work and school.

This message is from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Health and Human Services. To learn more, please visit [www.cdc.gov/germstopper](http://www.cdc.gov/germstopper).

### Cleaning Hands Keeps Students In School

