



## HOW TO PREVENT BACTERIAL AND VIRAL INFECTIONS?



**Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth** – this is the way germs get into your body



**Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, especially immediately after coughing or sneezing.**  
You can use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available



**Always have tissues with you**



**Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze with a bent elbow or tissue**  
(throw used tissues away)



**Avoid spending time in crowded places**



**Keep a safe distance of at least 2 metres from those who are sick**



**Frequently open windows in the room you are staying in**



**Regularly clean and disinfect used items and touch surfaces**  
(e.g. doorknobs) with water and detergent or disinfectant



**Stay at home when you are ill, e.g. when you have symptoms of cold**



**Live a healthy lifestyle**  
(exercise, rest, proper nutrition)



**Follow recommendations of health care workers and medical staff**



**Get vaccinated against flu and other respiratory diseases,**  
e.g. against COVID-19, whooping cough and pneumococci