

To prevent COVID-19 it is
safest to avoid physical
contact when greeting.
Safe greetings include a
wave, a nod, or a bow.

How should I greet
another person to avoid
catching the new
coronavirus?



No. Regularly washing your bare hands offers more protection against catching COVID-19 than wearing rubber gloves.

You can still pick up COVID-19 contamination on rubber gloves. If you then touch your face, the contamination goes from your glove to your face and can infect you.

Is wearing rubber gloves while out in public effective in preventing the new coronavirus infection?



Yes. Respiratory viruses can be passed by shaking hands and touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Greet people with a wave, a nod or a bow instead.

Should I avoid shaking hands because of the new coronavirus?



How can I grocery shop safely in the time of COVID-19?



When grocery shopping, keep at least 1-metre distance from others and avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose. If possible, sanitize the handles of shopping trolleys or baskets before shopping. Once home, wash your hands thoroughly and also after handling and storing your purchased products. There is currently no confirmed case of COVID-19 transmitted through food or food packaging.

How should I wash fruit and vegetables in the time of COVID-19?

Wash them the same way you would in any other circumstance.

Before handling them, wash your hands with soap and water.

Then, wash fruit and vegetables thoroughly with clean water, especially if you eat them raw.



Can COVID-19 be spread through coins and banknotes?



There is currently no evidence to confirm or disprove that COVID-19 virus can be transmitted through coins or banknotes.

However, respiratory droplets expelled from an infected person can contaminate and persist on surfaces.

Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly after touching any frequently-touched surface or object, including coins or banknotes. Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and nose, if your hands are not cleaned.