

Hygiene advice for toilet use

At present, there is no scientific evidence to suggest that aerosol generated by toilet flushing can lead to spread of human swine influenza. Nonetheless, we recommend the following precautionary measures:

1. Keep toilets and bathrooms clean and dry. Disinfect at least daily by using appropriate disinfectant (e.g. 1 part of 5.25% household bleach in 99 parts of water for non-metallic surface or 70% alcohol for metallic surface), wait until dry and then rinse with water.
2. Provide liquid soap and disposable paper towels for hand washing.
3. Ensure the flushing system of the toilet is in proper function at all times.
4. Put down the toilet bowl lid before flushing.
5. Wash hands thoroughly after toileting.

**These health advices apply to both home and public places.*

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