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**Men start washing hands because of coronavirus**

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The spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus has made more men wash their hands more often, especially after going to the toilet. A recent survey of 2,000 men in the UK found that 32 per cent of them did not wash their hands after using the toilet. However, social media reports that more men are washing their hands in public toilets since the outbreak of COVID-19. People on Twitter wrote that a month ago, it was unusual to see a man using the sinks in a public toilet. Since the outbreak, more men have been washing their hands in public toilets. Dan McCoy, a writer from New York, said: "For once, there are lines in men's restrooms as coronavirus makes men wash their hands for the first time."

Governments around the world have stressed the importance of regular handwashing. This is not just after using the bathroom but also throughout the day. Doctors say regular handwashing is the best way to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Health authorities in the UK and USA have told people to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds each time - or the time it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice. A caller into a UK radio station spoke about the first time he realised men were washing their hands. It was when he stopped at the toilets on a highway. He said: "There were eight sinks and men were washing their hands in all of them." He also said the men were spending a long time carefully washing their hands.

Sources: <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/femail/article-8078807/Disgusting-Men-started-washing-hands-using-toilet-Twitter-users-claim.html>

**HYGIENE:** How good are these things at keeping COVID-19 away? Complete this table.

Keep COVID-19 away	How Effective?	Do You Do This?
Handwashing		
Wearing gloves		
Wearing a mask		
Using hand sanitizer		
Staying at home		
Avoid public transport		

**DIRTY THINGS:** Rank these. Put the dirtiest things at the top.

- Toilets
- Supermarket baskets
- Bus seats
- Park benches
- Ticket machines
- Smartphones
- Restaurant tables
- Computer keyboards

**VOCABULARY MATCHING**

Paragraph 1

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| 1. spread   | a. A toilet in a public building.   |
| 2. recent   | b. An investigation of the opinions or experience of a group of people, based on a series of questions.   |
| 3. survey   | c. The place where you wash your hands or wash the dishes (it usually has hot-water and cold-water taps). |
| 4. outbreak | d. The action of moving across a larger and larger area.  |

**6. public**

f. Belonging to a time in the past that is close to the present.

**7. restroom**

g. The sudden start of something unwelcome, such as war, disease, etc.

### **COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

1. How many men were there in a recent survey?
2. What percentage of men in the survey did not wash their hands?
3. Where were the reports on men now washing their hands more often?
4. Who is Dan McCoy?
5. What did Dan McCoy say he saw in men's restrooms?
6. Who did the article say stressed the importance of handwashing?
7. Who said handwashing was the best way to stop the spread of the virus?
8. How long did UK health authorities tell people to wash their hands for?
9. Where did a radio caller stop to go to the toilet?
10. How many sinks were in use in a public toilet a man went into?