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A multitude of contagious pathogens lurk for us everywhere. A risk of infection is especially high in public spaces like offices, schools, shops or on buses and trains.

To stay protected during a virus-, flu- or cold epidemic, you should stick to a couple of simple hygiene rules. This way you prevent infectious diseases and stay healthy.

Frist: Hands carry the most pathogens. So Hand hygiene is especially for infection prevention. Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Should you not have access to a bathroom, hand sanitizer is a viable alternative.

Second: Do not touch your face, your mouth, your nose or eyes because pathogens are absorbed by our mucous membranes.

Third: Avoid physical contact with others, such as handshakes or hugs.

Fourth: Practice social distancing — especially with people showing symptoms.

And fifth: If you couldn't avoid infection turn away from people when you have to cough or sneeze. Cough or sneeze into your elbow or use a tissue, that you dispose of immediately afterwards.

If you follow these rules, viruses and germs will have a hard time getting to you and you will stay healthy.

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