

Alcohol Gel...

how, when and why.



✓ **Alcohol gel is a quick and convenient method of hand decontamination if used appropriately:**

- when hands are visibly clean
- when the alcohol gel covers all surfaces of the hands by thoroughly rubbing hands together
- by ensuring a supply of alcohol gel is available at the point of care/use

✗ **Alcohol gel must not be used when:**

- hands are soiled or visibly dirty
- following exposure to body fluids
- when caring for patients/residents with vomiting/diarrhoeal illness and *Clostridium difficile*