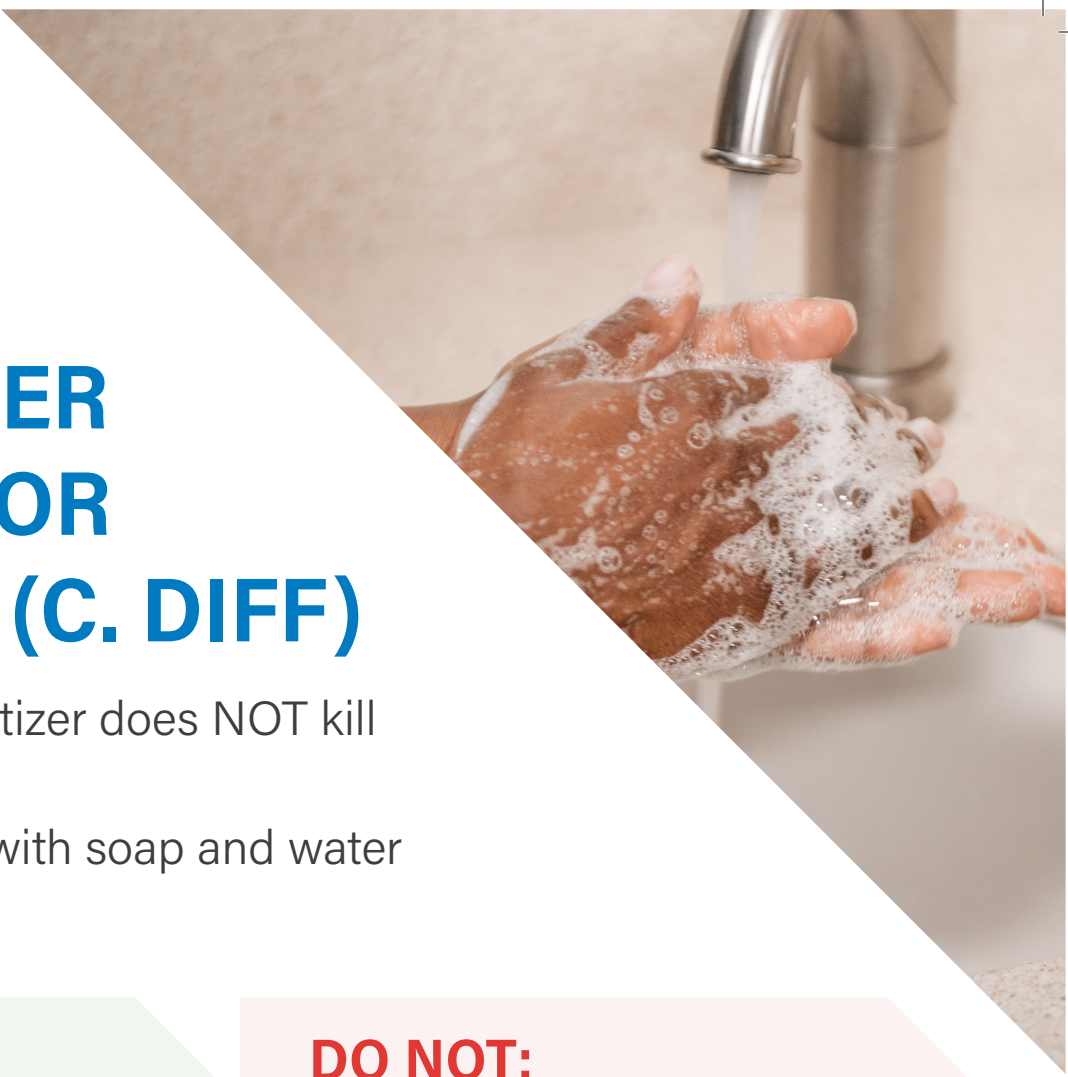




SOAP & WATER REQUIRED FOR C. DIFFICILE (C. DIFF)

Alcohol-based hand sanitizer does NOT kill C. difficile spores.

Hands must be washed with soap and water to help prevent spread.



WHAT TO DO:

Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds

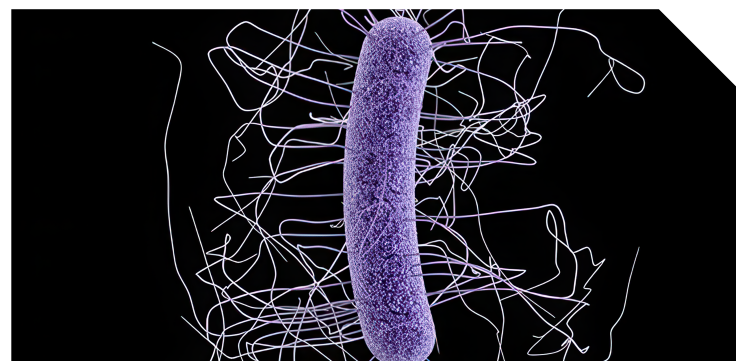
- ✓ After removing gloves
- ✓ Before leaving the patient room
- ✓ After using the restroom

DO NOT:

- ✗ Rely on alcohol-based hand sanitizer alone
- ✗ Skip handwashing after glove removal

WHY THIS MATTERS:

- C. difficile forms spores that are not killed by alcohol
- Soap and water physically remove spores from hands



Applies to: Healthcare Staff, Patients, and Visitors

Sources: CDC – <https://www.cdc.gov/c-diff/prevention/index.html>;
APIC – https://apic.org/Resource_/TinyMceFileManager/Practice_Guidance/CDI_hand_hygiene_Update.pdf

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