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  - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub with at least 60% alcohol.
  - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
  - Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that are used often, such as cellphones, door knobs, and light switches.
  - Cough or sneeze into your elbow or cover your nose and mouth with a tissue.
  - Avoid touching your face.
  - If you do become sick, stay home and limit contact with others in your home as much as possible.

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