

WASH AWAY THE DOUBT AND DRY WITH CONFIDENCE



World Dryer offers over 70 years of experience to help answer your top questions about hand dryer use. It's time to be informed, as users, building owners, and manufacturers. Health experts from the World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend handwashing and drying with either hand dryers or paper towels as our top defense.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is the recommended hand drying method?

A: Both the [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)¹ and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)² recommend drying hands with either hand dryers or paper towels. Germs spread more easily when hands are wet. Once hands are clean, hand dryers are a fast and dependable source of drying that don't require restocking or constant maintenance.

Q: Are hand dryers safe to use?

A: World Dryer's HEPA-filtered hand dryers capture 99.97% of particles, 0.3µm or larger, cleaning the air before reaching the user. Antimicrobial technology protects the dryer by inhibiting the growth of bacteria, mold, and fungus. Touchless operation reduces touch points allowing users to complete the drying process without running into cross-contamination.

Q: Do hand dryers blow germs and pathogens?

A: Any source of air causes particle movement, which happens throughout a restroom in other ways. World Dryer's HEPA-filtered hand dryers remove 99.97% of particles, 0.3µm or larger, from the airstream. William Schaffner, M.D. from [WebMD](#)³ also said that "...air dryers help rather than hurt – they move air around. If there happens to be a person next to you that's infected, the air dryer will disperse the air, and you're much less likely to get an infectious dose of the virus."

Q: Do hand dryers harbor bacteria and germs?

A: Antimicrobial technology protects the dryer by inhibiting the growth of bacteria, mold, and fungus. These are not simple coatings that can wear off. The antimicrobial additives are completely mixed with the paint on outer covers and the internal plastic components forming the airflow path; meaning the dryer will be continuously protected for the dryer's service life.

"I think air dryers help rather than hurt."

William Schaffner, M.D.
-WebMD³



FOR MORE INFO VISIT: [who.int](#) or [cdc.gov](#)

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¹ Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) advice for the public: Mytbusters. Retrieved September 16, 2020, from <https://www.who.int/en/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters>.

² Frequent Questions About Hand Hygiene. Retrieved September 16, 2020, from <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/faqs.html#drying-hands>.

³ Lindsay Kalter (2020) How Safe Is it to Use A Public Bathroom? WebMD. Retrieved September 16, 2020, from https://www.webmd.com/lung/news/20200702/how-safe-is-it-to-use-a-public-bathroom?ecd=wnl_spr_070620&ctr=wnl_spr_070620_nsl-LeadModule_title&mb=0mhwpw%2f0eUd%2fB0nuOrqix%40HnVev1mbCTIqOBWsrKLO%3d.