# 5 Steps to a Healthier Workplace



## 1. Keep Hands Clean.

Hand washing is proven to reduce your chance of getting the cold or the flu by 21%. So wash well and use hand sanitizer after drying for extra protection.



### 2. Sanitize Surfaces.

Nearly 80% of infectious diseases are transmitted through surfaces.<sup>2</sup> Use disinfectant wipes to eliminate 99% of germs on surfaces you come into contact with often.<sup>3</sup>



#### 3. Make Wellness a Team Effort.

Encourage your coworkers to stay informed about high traffic germ areas and how you can work together to minimize cold and flu.



# 4. Sick? Stay Home & Get Better.

People with the flu virus are contagious **up to 24 hours** before they start feeling sick, so it's important you stay home from work when feeling ill.



#### 5. Get Vaccinated.

The flu vaccination has been shown to **reduce the risks of the flu by 60%**.<sup>4</sup> Get vaccinated and help prevent serious cases of illness in your workplace.

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