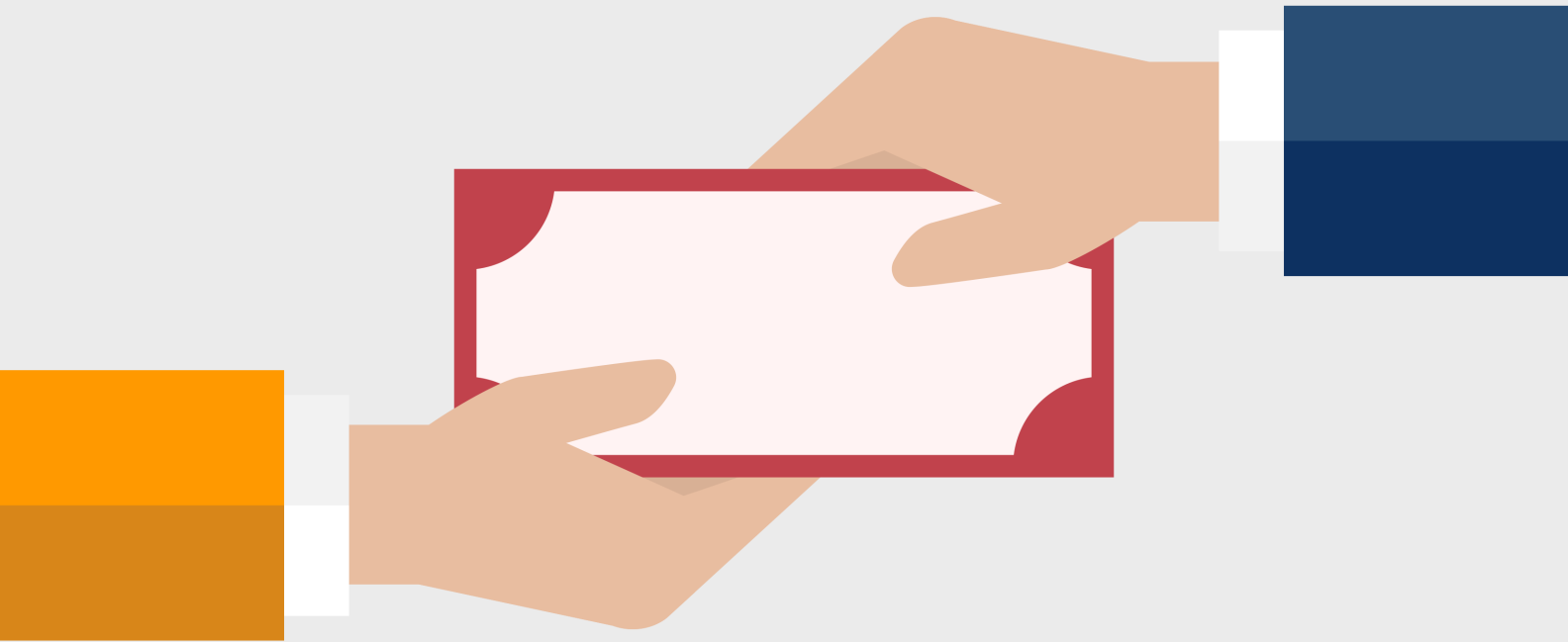


Does handling cash make you vulnerable to coronavirus?

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Here is what **WHO** wants you to know:

WHO (World Health Organization) completely denies any claim or warning regarding COVID-19 transmission through currency notes and persists that the virus spreads primarily from person to person.



The WHO recommends people to use **contactless payments** instead of cash to reduce the risk of **COVID-19** transmission.



Putting two and two together

-As the number of cases increase around the globe, concerns have mounted over whether cash might play a role in spreading the virus.

-Public health experts believe the novel coronavirus is transmittable through "fomites" — surfaces, including paper money, that have been handled by an infected person.

-The belief is that these viruses can stay on surfaces in their fully active states for at least 10 days. That includes cash and all kinds of other surfaces that people normally touch.

Better **safe** than sorry

-A growing pile of studies shows our cash is dirtier than we think.

-Exchange of contaminated cash not only breaches social distancing but can also possibly act as a potential path for the transmission of virus.

-WHO states "It is a good hygiene practice to wash your hands after handling money, especially if eating or handling food".

How am I at risk?



An infected person coughs into hands



Handles cash without any hand hygiene



A healthy person receives the cash



**Touches his nose/
mouth/eyes without following hand hygiene and gets infected**

How can I **protect** myself and others?



Avoid touching face and mouth



Keep washing your hands



Keep a sanitiser handy



Make online payments instead of cash