

STOPPING THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Leaving home while sick makes public facilities a potential breeding ground for germs.



68%

The percentage of Canadians who would leave their home while sick.¹



Of those who would leave their home while sick:



APPROXIMATELY
1 in 4*

would go to work.



26%

would visit a retail store.



89%

would visit a doctor's office.

*24% of Canadians who would leave home while sick would go to work.

How fast can germs spread? Faster than you think!



80%

of common infections are spread by hands.²



20,961 GERMS

The number of germs per square inch on the average office desk.³



34x

Office coffeepot handles carry 34 times more germs than a school toilet seat.⁴



Up to 8hrs

The number of hours viruses live on hard surfaces like countertops, door handles and phones.⁵



61%

of hospital elevator buttons are colonized with bacteria, compared to 43% of hospital toilets.⁶

REFERENCES

- ¹ Based on a national poll of 1,046 Canadians (conducted online by The Harris Poll, January 17-18, 2018)
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- ⁶ <https://www.vox.com/2014/7/9/5883777/why-you-should-never-ever-touch-that-hospital-elevator-button>

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