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WASH HANDS PROPERLY

Many people know that washing their hands is important for hygiene.

However, a survey revealed that while 52 per cent of 10,000 respondents from 10 countries could identify that hand washing was the most effective way to prevent the spread of



germs, there were clear shortfalls.

In Australia, Canada, Britain and Germany, less than half of parents said that their children always wash their hands before eating.

In almost all countries surveyed, the majority of consumers did not recognise that the optimum time for washing hands is 20 seconds.

The Asian Hygiene Council, a satellite council for the Global Hygiene Council, announced the findings of the annual Dettol Global Hygiene Survey at its inaugural meeting in Kuala Lumpur last week.

The Global Hygiene Council, is an initiative that brings together experts in the fields of microbiology, virology, infectious diseases, immunology and public health from Singapore and the region.

For other results from the survey, go to www.hygienecouncil.com