Ensuring that everyone is appropriately washing their hands is important all the time, but especially during cold and flu season or other illness outbreaks (e.g., coronavirus, pink eye, et cetera).

Utilizing a hand washing schedule can ensure everyone is keeping safe. Remember, the schedule will require teaching; it will not automatically have meaning. Use enough prompting to ensure the child gets there, but fade out slowly so she or he uses the schedule with independence.

For more information about how to use and teach a visual schedule be sure to read our How-To Visual Schedules guide found at HANDSInAutism.iupui.edu.

Materials provided are examples only! They may need to be individualized to meet the particular needs of a person with an ASD!
Schedule cards for tear-off schedule.

Extra blank cards for customizing
Washing Hands

1. Turn water on
2. Wet hands
3. Put soap on hands
4. Scrub hands together
5. Rinse hands
6. Turn water off
7. Dry hands on paper towel
8. Put used paper towel in trash can.

List schedule with text and pictures