



**Did you know?**

*Alcohol hand rub **is not** effective at killing the virus that causes diarrhoea and vomiting!!*

*So wash us away with liquid soap and warm water!*



## **A Terrible & Tragic Tale!**

Barbara, an 81-year-old lady was, discharged from hospital to a local care home. On arrival she had loose stools which the carers didn't escalate. Staff were cleaning their hands regularly with alcohol gel and unfortunately not soap and water; as they had become used to using gel during to covid... even carrying it in little bottles in their pockets... Unfortunately, Bert in the next-door room caught it from a carer who had been with Barbara. Bert had lots of co morbidities and quickly became dehydrated and was admitted to hospital with Acute Kidney Injury where he died a week later. 6 other elderly frail residents subsequently became unwell, and 5 carers had to take time off work as they also caught it. One carer took it home to her family, all who became unwell, including her 2-year-old son who became very dehydrated and needed to spend a night in hospital.