

## What the Health!?

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# KNOW WHEN TO WASH YOUR HANDS!



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#### Fast Facts About:

### Marijuana

Also known as cannabis, weed, pot, or dope, contains more than 100 compounds including THC (which is impairing or mind-altering) and CBD (which does not cause a "high").

- Marijuana use directly affects brain function. specifically the parts of the brain responsible for memory, learning, attention, decision making, coordination, emotions, and reaction time.
  - Developing brains, such as those in babies, children, and teenagers, are especially susceptible to the harmful effects of marijuana and THC!
- Smoked marijuana can harm lung tissues and cause scarring and damage to small blood vessels.
- Marijuana use has been linked to a range of mental health problems like temporary psychosis, depression, social anxiety, and schizophrenia.
- Edibles, or food and drink products infused with marijuana, have a greater risk of poisoning. Children can mistake edibles for regular food or candy, which can make them very sick.
- Marijuana negatively affects several skills required for driving safe like slowing down one's reaction time and the ability to make decisions.

