

Closing toilet-seat lids may not stop spread of germs

Many people 1 that putting the toilet-seat lid down helps to

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prevent the spread of dangerous germs and 2. A recent study pretty

viral / viruses

much dispels this supposition. A team of microbiologists from the

University of Arizona conducted research on the 3 activity of viral

aerial / oral

particles after a toilet is flushed. The scientists determined that there is

4 difference in the spread of germs, regardless of whether the lid is

few / little

up or down. Microbiologist Dr Charles Gerba has been studying 5

lavatory / laboratory

pathogens for nearly five decades. He said: "All that air when you flush

goes somewhere, and it carries the viruses that are in the toilet bowl

out of it." He said a flush forces bacteria out from under the lid and

6 nearby areas.

contaminates / contagious

The researchers tested the spread of a test virus in two bathrooms after a flush. The virus was one not able to 7 humans. They flushed one bowl with the lid up, and another with the lid down. After a minute, they used a sponge to 8 the surfaces in the toilet. They concluded that there were no significant statistical differences in the 9 of the virus in the two bathrooms. They added that the results "demonstrate that closing the toilet lid 10 to flushing does not mitigate the risk of contaminating bathroom surfaces, and that disinfection 11 all restroom surfaces may be necessary after flushing or after toilet-brush use" to cut the spread of germs. They also said it was important to 12 the water in the bowl.

infects / infect

swab / swap

quantities / qualities

prior / priority

of / to

disinfect / defect