

### **Money, phones teeming with deadly germs, research says**

When you pay for your favourite meal, do you wash your hands before sitting down to eat? If not, you may want to think twice, because money, especially the Sh20 coins and the Sh50 notes circulating in Nairobi, is dirty and a risk to your health, the Kenya Medical Research Institute has warned. To put it quite literally, you might not want to put your money where your mouth is. According to Kemri, money and mobile phones have been confirmed to carry large amounts of disease-causing germs. Scientists tested money and phones from 395 food handlers in 15 different types of outlets in Nairobi County and confirmed the two items to be highly-tainted with disease-causing germs. The research also involved researchers from Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (Jkuat) and the US Army Medical Research Unit–Kenya. <https://www.standardmedia.co.ke/article/2001323277/why-sh20-coin-or-sh50-can-kill-you>