Drying Hands after Washing for Bread

When washing your hands before eating bread, the ideal procedure is to wash, say the blessing *al netilat yadayim*, and then dry your hands (since the drying is part of the washing procedure). Many people have the custom of pouring water onto each hand twice but only before eating bread.

NOTE If you washed your hands, dried them, and then said the blessing *al netilat yadayim*, *b'di'avad* you are covered. But if you washed your hands and dried them but did not yet say the blessing *al netilat yadayim*, you should touch a normally covered part of your body, wash your hands again, say *al netilat yadayim*, and go on to say *ha'motzi* on bread.

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