### What is social distancing

Social distancing, also called "physical distancing," means keeping space between yourself and other people outside of your home. To practice social or physical distancing:

- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people
- Do not gather in groups
- Stay out of crowded places and avoid mass gatherings

# Keep your distance to slow the spread

Limiting face-to-face contact with others is the best way to reduce the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Wear a mask where social distancing is not possible.





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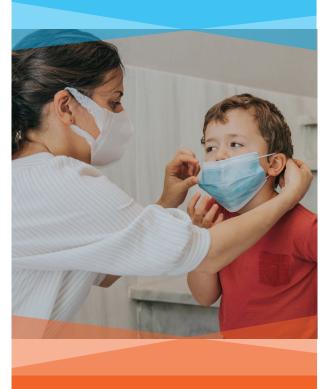
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#### Resources:

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/ quarantine-isolation.html

# Quarantine, Isolation and Social Distancing







### Quarantine

 Quarantine is used to keep someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others.



- Quarantine helps prevent spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus without feeling symptoms.
- People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions from their state or local health department.

#### Isolation

 Isolation is used to separate people infected with the virus (those who are sick with COVID-19 and those with no symptoms) from people who are not infected.



- People who are in isolation should stay home until it's safe for them to be around others.
- In the home, anyone sick or infected should separate themselves from others by staying in a specific "sick room" or area and using a separate bathroom (if available).

### Both quarantine and isolation

- involve separation of people to protect the public
- help limit further spread of COVID-19
- can be done voluntarily or be required by health authorities

### How do I know if I need to be in isolation or quarantine?

#### If you...

If you live in a community where COVID-19 is or might be spreading (currently, that is virtually everywhere in the United States)

#### Steps to take...

- 1. Watch Your Health
- 2. Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.
- 3. Take your temperature if symptoms develop.
- 4. Practice social distancing. Maintain 6 feet of distance from others and stay out of crowded places.
- 5. Follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.

### If you feel healthy but:

Recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19

### Stay Home and Monitor Your Health (Quarantine)

- Stay home until 14 days after your last exposure.
- Check your temperature twice a day and watch for symptoms of COVID-19.
- If possible, stay away from people who are at higher-risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.

#### If you:

Have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or

Are waiting for test results, or

Have cough, fever, or shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19

## Isolate Yourself from Others (Isolation)

- Stay home until it is safe to be around others.
- If you live with others, stay in a specific "sick room" or area and away from other people or animals, including pets. Use a separate bathroom, if available.
- Read important information about caring for yourself or someone else who is sick, including when it's safe to end home isolation.