

When you have been EXPOSED to someone who is sick with COVID-19 symptoms, you are at risk for developing illness

● How can an exposure to COVID-19 happen?

- COVID-19 is spread primarily when an infected person talks, coughs or sneezes and releases respiratory droplets near other people. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs.
- Exposure to COVID-19 can happen when you are in close contact with someone who has active symptoms, but also during the 48 hours before that person's symptoms started. Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more with that person, or being directly coughed or sneezed on in the face.
- There is still much to learn about whether COVID-19 can be spread from touching contaminated surfaces. It may be possible to get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes without first washing your hands.
- After an exposure, it can take up to 14 days for COVID-19 symptoms to develop if the exposure leads to infection.



● QUARANTINE after an exposure means keeping a safe distance from others just in case symptoms begin at any point. It also means monitoring your health for symptoms

● Who should follow quarantine instructions?

- Anyone who had an exposure to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 or was exposed to someone likely to have COVID-19. That includes household members, or anyone else meeting criteria for close contact at work or other settings.

● How long do you need to follow quarantine?

- Close contacts of persons with confirmed or likely COVID-19 should self-quarantine for 14 days from the time of their last contact with the person.

● What does it mean to monitor your health?

- Take your temperature once or twice a day to be sure you do not have a fever, (greater than 100.4 °F) and whenever you feel feverish.
- Watch for symptoms of COVID-19, including a new
 - Fever OR
 - Cough OR sore throat OR shortness of breath.
 - Other additional symptoms that could be early signs of infection include body aches, extreme tiredness, runny nose, or chest congestion.
- As the pandemic continues, more and more people might be exposed and you might not even realize that an exposure occurred. Be safe and monitor your health every day.



● What are the instructions for quarantine?

- Refer to your supervisor for policies regarding work, work at home, or exclusion from work.
- Avoid public places.
- Avoid traveling by airplane, ship, long distance bus, or train.
- Avoid using public transportation or ride-sharing services.
- If you do not have fever or respiratory symptoms, you may participate in limited outdoor activities as long as you practice social distancing.

● What if you develop symptoms while in quarantine?

- You might have COVID-19. Consult with your healthcare provider.
- Stay home and follow isolation instructions even if you are not tested for COVID-19.
- If you are concerned about the severity of your symptoms, call your health care provider before seeking medical care in person.
- If your condition requires calling 911, tell the 911 operator that you might have COVID-19.

