

CONTACT TRACING

It is important to trace your close contacts and notify them that you had a COVID-19 positive test to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to protect you, your family, and your community.

Contact tracing is a simple and confidential process that has been used for decades by state and local health departments to slow or stop the spread of infectious diseases.



What is a Close Contact?

For COVID-19, a close contact is anyone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

COVID-19 Contact Tracing

- Within 24 hours of a positive COVID-19 test, alert everyone you have been within 6 feet of in the last day.
- If the patient is unable to notify their contacts the health official will do so on their behalf (the identity of the patient or any other identifiable information will not be given).
- A contact interview is then conducted to acquire if the close contact is vaccinated or not.
- If not vaccinated, the contacts would need to quarantine until after they receive the results of their COVID-19 test. Vaccinated individuals will not need to quarantine while waiting for their results, but they will need to wear a mask.

If a public health worker from the health department calls you, answer the call  to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in your community.

For more information about contact tracing, please visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/contact-tracing.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#Contact-Tracing>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/tell-your-contacts.pdf>

<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/contact-tracing-in-the-context-of-covid-19>

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