



COVID-19



HEALTH
Department

Community Members: What to Do/What to Know

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This is emerging, rapidly evolving situation. This guidance is based on what is currently known about the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Information will be updated as it becomes available. For background on the situation, visit [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

ALLEGAN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE: WHAT ARE WE DOING?

- Participating on calls with Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Monitoring all individuals based on risk exposure [CDC guidance](#)
- Maintaining communication with local medical providers to provide up to date information

PREVENT THE SPREAD

HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF?

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe
- Regularly wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- If soap and water is not available, use an alcohol based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60-95% alcohol



FACEMASK USE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

- CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory illnesses, including COVID-19. You should only wear a mask if a healthcare professional recommends it.
- A facemask should be used by people who have COVID-19 and are showing symptoms. This is to protect others from the risk of getting infected.
- The use of facemasks also is crucial for health workers and other people who are taking care of someone infected with COVID-19 in close settings (at home or in a health care facility).

SOCIAL DISTANCING AND LIMITING MOBILITY

- Communicate with your employer to set up a telework or teleconference option if available
- Review your family emergency preparedness plans and have an appropriate stockpile of food/water/medications for family
- Talk to your child's school district to see if an online learning option is available
- Ensure child care options are in place
- Practice [Nonpharmaceutical Interventions \(NPIs\)](#).
- Talk to your insurance provider to see if tele-medicine options are available

TRAVEL

- Consider postponing nonessential travel
- Evaluate [CDC travel guidance](#) prior to travel



SLOW THE SPREAD

SHOULD I BE TESTED FOR COVID-19?



- If you develop a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as cough or shortness of breath, within 14 days after travel from China, you should call ahead to a healthcare professional and mention your recent travel or close contact.
- If you have had close contact with someone showing these symptoms who has recently traveled from this area, you should call ahead to a healthcare professional and mention your close contact and their recent travel. Your healthcare professional will work with your state's public health department and CDC to determine if you need to be tested for COVID-19.

HOW IS COVID-19 TRANSFERRED?

- We are learning new information on COVID-19 frequently.
- Here's what we know now:
 - The virus is thought to spread **mainly from person to person** (between people who are in close contact with one another or through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes)
 - It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose or eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way.

IF YOU ARE SICK

- Cover your cough and sneeze
- Wash your hands often
- Clean all "high-touch" surfaces everyday
- Monitor your symptoms
- Stay home except to get medical care
- Call ahead before visiting your doctor
- Separate yourself from other people and animals in your home
- Avoid sharing personal household items
- Wear a facemask



RESOURCES

- [CDC/COVID-19](#)
- [MDHHS](#)

