If you test positive for COVID-19, public health staff will ask you about your close contacts. Over a number of days, staff will monitor you and your contacts. This is called contact tracing and it’s a core public health function that helps stop the spread of disease.

You tested positive.

You will be asked to self-isolate at home.

- Stay in one room away from others in your household, including pets. Have sole use of a bathroom.
- Ask your doctor about pain and fever medication. Get rest and stay hydrated.
- Keep track of your symptoms and check your temperature twice daily.

The CDC has new options to reduce quarantine. Scan the code to learn more.

Public health staff will help you identify the time frame when you may have been infectious.

Staff will help you recall your close contacts during that time and will notify contacts of their potential exposure.

Your identity will not be revealed.

These contacts have symptoms.

They will be asked to self-isolate for 10 days.

- They may be referred to testing.
- They will be asked to stay in one room away from others in their household, including pets, and have sole use of a bathroom.
- They will be asked to wear a face mask and keep a social distance of at least 6 feet if they need to be around other people or pets within the home.
- They will be asked to keep track of their symptoms.
- They may be asked about their close contacts.

This contact has no symptoms.

Because some people with COVID-19 have no apparent symptoms, this person will be asked to self-quarantine for 14 days.

- They may be referred to testing.
- They will be asked to wear a face mask and keep a social distance of at least 6 feet if they need to be around other people or pets within the home.
- They will be asked to watch for COVID-19 symptoms.

This contact was missed.

This person could have COVID-19.

- If they have symptoms, they may choose to be tested.
- If they don’t have symptoms, they may never choose to be tested.

That’s why everyone should:

- Practice hand and face hygiene.
- Wear a face mask and social distance for at least 6 feet when in public.
- Avoid closed spaces with poor ventilation, crowded places and close-contact situations like talking in close range—the Three Cs.

If symptoms worsen or become severe, you should seek medical or emergency care.

COVID-19 Symptoms: fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

Severe Symptoms: trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, or bluish lips or face.


It’s important that you speak with a contact tracer if you have had potential exposure to COVID-19.

The Florida Department of Health urges all Floridians to answer calls from:

- (833) 917-2880
- (833) 443-5364
- (850) 583-2419