

# How to Notify Your Contacts

If you've just been told you have COVID-19, you need to take care of your health and also help protect people around you...

## STEP 1

### Determining Your Close Contacts

**Close Contact:** Anyone who was close to you (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) starting 2 days before your symptoms began. This is when you were contagious. If you have no symptoms, start 2 days before you were tested for COVID-19.

#### Who are your close contacts? Tips:

- Walk yourself through each day, noting any possible close contacts. Shorter periods that add up to 15 minutes total also count.
- Remember, the people who live with you or visited your home are close contacts.
- Co-workers and friends are important to notify. Otherwise, they may not know they were exposed.

## STEP 2

### Decide if You Want to Be Anonymous

Once you have your list of close contacts, they need to be told they were exposed to COVID-19.

#### Do you want to remain anonymous?

- If you do not wish to remain anonymous, reach out to your close contact by text, email, or call with the information in Step 3.
- If you do wish to remain anonymous, use this online tool to send your contacts a message. Go to "[TellYourContacts.org](https://www.phila.gov/covid/tell-your-contacts)" and select "and leave your name off".

## STEP 3

### Send Stay at Home Instructions

Tell your contacts to stay home, get tested, and monitor for symptoms. Send them [this guide](#) with instructions and resources.

Your close contacts need information about staying at home for [quarantine](#) from the CDC. The Philadelphia Department of Public Health also has detailed [Home Care Instructions For COVID-19](#) and local help.

This [link](#) tells contacts how long to stay home in quarantine.

- Make sure all of your contacts know the date they were close to you. They need this to know how long to stay home in quarantine.

[www.phila.gov/covid](https://www.phila.gov/covid)



**Do you have questions?** We're here to answer them at 215-685-5488 or [covid@phila.gov](mailto:covid@phila.gov). In the event of a life-threatening medical emergency, please dial 911.

### RESOURCES FOR YOU

[Safely Returning to Work](#)  
[How To Clean Your Home: COVID](#)  
[CDC COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Philadelphia Department of Public Health COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#)

# How to Stay Safe After a COVID-19 Exposure

You have been identified as someone exposed to a person with COVID-19...

If you're fully vaccinated\* and don't have symptoms, you don't have to quarantine or get tested. You should still monitor for symptoms. Get tested if you develop symptoms.

## STEP 1

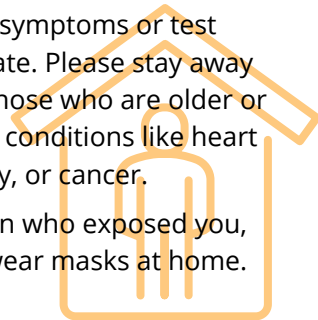
### Stay home

You should stay home to [quarantine](#) for 10 days after your last exposure. This means you should not leave your home for any reason (including for work or social gatherings), except to be tested. Quarantine may be shortened according to CDC guidance. This [guide](#) can help you determine what date you can end quarantine.

Use this [COVID-19 symptom checker](#) to check your symptoms.

Be alert—if you develop symptoms or test positive, you should isolate. Please stay away from others, especially those who are older or have underlying medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes, obesity, or cancer.

If you live with the person who exposed you, make sure both of you wear masks at home.



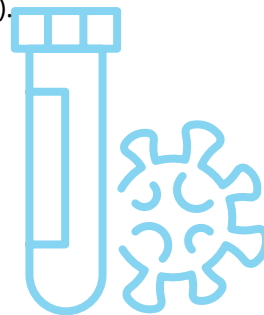
## STEP 2

### Get tested

Get tested for COVID-19 seven days after you were exposed. You should wait at least 5 to 7 days because getting tested too early could produce inaccurate results and lead to others getting sick. Contact your healthcare provider or use our [testing site map](#) to locate a site near you.

If you develop symptoms after an exposure to COVID-19, you should act as if you have COVID-19 and continue to stay home and isolate (except to be tested).

*\*Fully vaccinated means it's 2 weeks after your single-dose vaccine or your final vaccine in a two-dose series.*



## STEP 3

### Give us a call with questions

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#### RESOURCES FOR YOU

[Recommendations for Household Members Awaiting Test Results](#)

[How To Clean Your Home: COVID](#)

[CDC COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Philadelphia Department of Public Health COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[www.phila.gov/covid](http://www.phila.gov/covid)

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PA residents should consider downloading the [COVID Alert PA](#) app on their phones to quickly and anonymously notify others with the app if you test positive.

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