



## COVID-19



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STAY 6 FEET APART



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# Risk for COVID-19 Infection, Hospitalization, and Death By Race/Ethnicity

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## How to slow the spread of COVID-19



Wear a mask



Stay 6 feet apart



Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces



Wash your hands

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<sup>3</sup> Data source: National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) provisional death counts (<https://data.cdc.gov/NCHS/Provisional-Death-Counts-for-Coronavirus-Disease-C/pj7m-y5uh>, data through April 3, 2021). Numbers are ratios of age-adjusted rates standardized to the 2019 US intercensal population estimate.

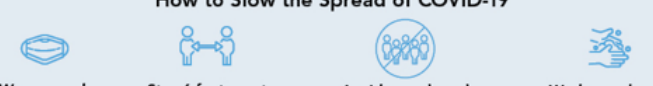
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[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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