



Coronavirus Disease 2019

Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in a Variety of Settings Throughout Your Community

Get and Keep America Open: Supporting states, tribes, localities, and territories

Guidance for states, territories, localities, and tribal communities on preventing infections in diverse settings.

Key Concepts

- **Minimize the chance of exposure.** The most common way to catch the virus that causes COVID-19 is from close contact with other people. Avoiding gatherings of people and practicing social distancing can help reduce the chances of exposure to the virus. Make sure to comply with any orders your state has issued about sheltering in place or staying at home.
- **Promote the use of everyday preventive actions.** Some common practices can lower the risk of infection. Clean your hands, cover coughs and sneezes, and follow recommendations or local or state orders for wearing cloth face covering to reduce the spread of infection.
- **Protect high-risk populations.** Certain groups of people have a higher risk of developing serious illness from COVID-19. To keep our families and communities safe and healthy, it is important to take steps to protect older adults, people with underlying health conditions, people facing homelessness, incarcerated or detained people, and people who work in healthcare or other critical infrastructure jobs.

Resources from CDC

CDC is supporting this critical work by providing:

- [Guidance for Healthcare Settings](#)
- [Guidance for Long-term Care and Nursing Homes](#)
- [Guidance for Correctional and Detention Facilities](#)
- [Guidance for Communities, Schools, and Workplaces](#)
- [Guidance for Homeless Population](#)
- [Guidance for Tribal Communities](#)



Resources from Other Organizations

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Other Federal Agencies

Several other federal agencies are also supporting this critical effort by providing resources:

- [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid: COVID partner toolkit](#) 
- [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#):  List of resources and guidance for workers and employers in diverse fields/settings

Private Sector, Non-governmental Organizations and Academia

Various other organizations are also supporting this critical effort by providing training and other resources:

- [American College of Emergency Physicians COVID-19 Field guide](#) 
- [American Academy of Pediatrics Telehealth Payer Policy in Response to COVID-19](#) 
- [Society for Critical Care Medicine – COVID-19 Resource Center](#)  Includes literature and training.
- **Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America**
 - [COVID-19 Resource Page](#) 
 - [Hospital Epi Training](#) 
 - [Rapid Response Program](#) 
- [Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology: COVID-19 Page](#) 

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