

# HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS | COVID-19

## Get a COVID-19 vaccine

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- COVID-19 vaccines are effective at keeping you from getting COVID-19, especially severe illness and death.
- Vaccines are safe, effective, and free!

## Wear a mask

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In indoor public places, people ages 2 and older should wear a mask if they are:

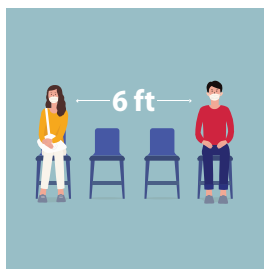
- Not fully vaccinated
- Fully vaccinated in an area with substantial or high transmission
- Fully vaccinated with weakened immune systems

In general, in outdoor settings, you do not need to wear a mask.

In areas with high numbers of COVID-19 cases, consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.

## Stay 6 feet from others

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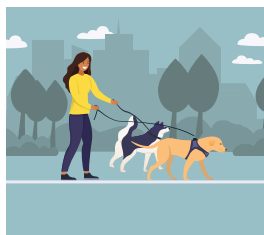
Stay 6 feet apart from people who don't live in your household.

Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus.

Keeping distance from others is especially important for people are at higher risk of getting very sick.

## Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated places

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Being in crowds like in restaurants, bars, fitness centers, or movie theaters puts you at higher risk for COVID-19.

Avoid indoor spaces that do not offer fresh air from the outdoors as much as possible.

If indoors, bring in fresh air by opening windows and doors, if possible.



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

## Test to prevent spread to others

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- Over-the-counter self-tests can be used at home or anywhere, are easy to use, and produce rapid results.
- Consider using a self-test before joining indoor gatherings with others who are not in your household.

## Wash your hands often

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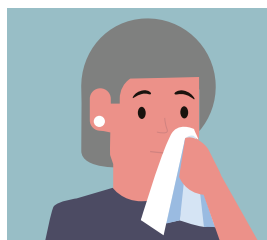
Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you have been in a public place.

If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

## Cover coughs and sneezes

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Always cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow. Do not spit.

Throw used tissues in the trash.

Immediately wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

## Clean and disinfect

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Clean high touch surfaces daily.

If someone is sick or has tested positive for COVID-19, disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

If surfaces are dirty, clean them using detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

## Monitor your health daily

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Be alert for symptoms.

Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.

Take your temperature if symptoms develop.

If you have symptoms, especially if you've been around someone with COVID-19, get tested as soon as possible.