

COVID-19 Checklist

What to do if YOU ARE SICK

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First and foremost, stay home (except to get medical care).

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- ▶ Rest at home
- ▶ Drink a lot of fluids to stay hydrated
- ▶ Over-the-counter medicines may help with symptoms. Common symptoms of COVID-19 include fever and cough.
- ▶ Stay in touch with your doctor. Get medical care when needed and call first.

Monitor your symptoms

- ▶ Common symptoms of COVID-19 include fever and cough.
- ▶ Trouble breathing is a more serious symptom. If you are having trouble breathing, seek medical attention, but call first.
- ▶ If your symptoms become more than you can manage at home, call your health care provider for further instructions. Tell him/her you have or may have COVID-19. This will help the office protect themselves and other patients.

When to seek emergency medical attention:

- ▶ Trouble breathing
- ▶ Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- ▶ New confusion or inability to arouse
- ▶ Bluish lips or face
- ▶ Call 911 for a medical emergency
- ▶ **This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.*

Avoid spreading COVID-19 to others

Separate yourself from other people and pets in your home; this is known as home isolation

- ▶ As much as possible, stay away from others. You should stay in a specific “sick room” if possible, and away from other people and pets in your home. Use a separate bathroom, if available.

If you are sick, wear a cloth covering over your nose and mouth

- ▶ You should wear a cloth face covering, over your nose and mouth, if you must be around other people.

Cover your coughs and sneezes

Clean your hands often

- ▶ This is especially important after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.

Turn over

❑ **Avoid sharing personal household items**

- ▶ **Do not share** dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedding with other people in your home.
- ▶ **Wash thoroughly after use:** After using these items, wash them thoroughly with soap and water or put them in the dishwasher.

❑ **Clean all “high-touch” surfaces in your isolation area (“sick room” and bathroom) everyday**

- ▶ Routinely clean high-touch surfaces in your “sick room” and bathroom. Let someone else clean and disinfect surfaces in common areas, but not your bedroom and bathroom; ensure the individual wears a mask and waits as long as possible after you have used the bathroom.
- ▶ High-touch surfaces include phones, remote controls, counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables.

When to discontinue home isolation

❑ **You can discontinue home isolation when each of these things have happened:**

- ▶ You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (that is three full days of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers).
- ▶ Your other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved).
- ▶ It has been at least 10 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's What to Do if You Are Sick: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>

