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If you test positive for COVID-19 (Coronavirus), a contact tracer may contact you. They will ask you for the places you have been to or people you have visited leading up to your test. Public health workers can then reach out to others who may have been infected to see if they are healthy and to offer them a test.

It is important to know when you may have been exposed so that we can protect our families, friends, co-workers and communities. This process is completely anonymous. The contact tracer will not talk to your contacts about your test results.

What information do we collect?

You may be asked to provide information about yourself such as your gender, age, race or zip code. This data will be separated from your name and combined with demographic information from other people who are tested in your community. You will remain anonymous as the additional information we collect from you will be separated from your name.

How do we use your information?

We use this data to better understand who is getting sick with COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and why some communities may get sick more often than others. We also use this information to identify how we can provide support and prevent future infection in communities that are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

Do we share this information with law enforcement?

No. We use this data only to get in touch with people who have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and to understand which communities most are impacted by COVID-19. We do not share any of this personal data with police or immigration enforcement. Doing so is actually against the law under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

CONTACT TRACING PROCESS



1

Jasmine and David attend the same birthday party.

2

A few days later, David feels sick and gets tested. David tests positive for COVID-19.



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The Health Department works with David to find out where he has been and who he has spent time with.



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The Health Department calls Jasmine to tell her she may have been exposed to COVID-19. They tell her what she needs to do next.