

# Stay Home - Slow the Spread

## *Why is it important to stay home during COVID-19?*

Limiting physical contact with others, by staying home as much as possible, is the most important step we can take in slowing the spread of COVID-19. Staying at home helps to protect those most vulnerable to severe illness: people over age 65 and those with health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, and heart disease.

## *How does staying home slow the spread of disease?*

COVID-19 spreads between people who are in close contact (within about 6 feet).

## *Who should stay home?*

Everyone should stay home as much as possible to protect their own health and the health of others.

## *When is it ok to go out?*

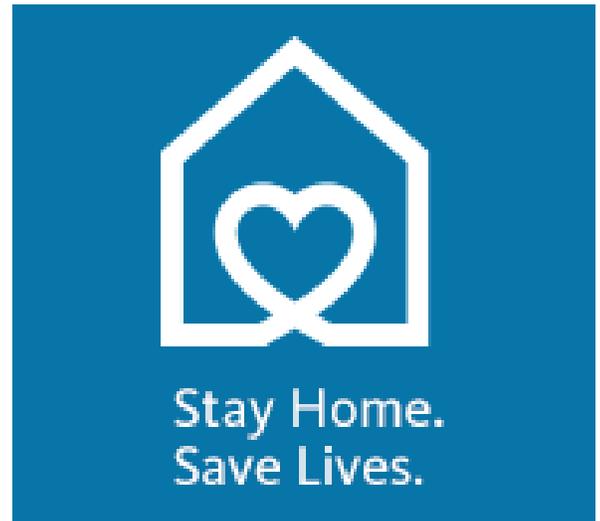
Travel to seek medical attention, essential work, and to obtain supplies like groceries and prescriptions is OK. When you must go out, be sure to wear a cloth face covering, practice social distancing, and wash your hands thoroughly and frequently.

## *What steps should I take if I have to go out?*

If you must leave home, be sure to:

- Wear a cloth face covering.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol based sanitizer if you can't wash.
- Keep 6 feet of distance between yourself and others.

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