

# BEEN EXPOSED TO COVID-19?

## Be Informed: Know Your Next Steps

Chart provided by the Texas Medical Association COVID-19 Task Force

If you have trouble breathing or other serious symptoms, consult your physician for specific medical advice. This chart is intended for the general public, not health care workers.

**COVID-19**  
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE



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### YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS\*\*

#### GET TESTED.

While waiting on your test results, be sure to stay home and away from others.

### YOU HAVE NO SYMPTOMS

#### CONSIDER GETTING TESTED.

**Quarantine** and wait at least 6 to 8 days before you test in order to avoid a possible false negative\*\*\* result.

Keep in mind that when testing is in high demand, your results may be delayed by several days.

### YOU DID NOT OR COULD NOT GET TESTED

**Isolate** and stay home until 10 days have passed since you first got symptoms; 24 hours have passed since you had a fever (without medication); and your symptoms have improved.

**NOTE:** Anyone who lives with you needs to quarantine for 14 days since their last contact with you.

### YOU GOT TESTED

#### YOU TESTED POSITIVE

#### YOU TESTED NEGATIVE

**Quarantine** and stay home for 14 days since you were exposed to COVID-19. If you **MUST** go out, wear a mask and stay 6 feet away from anyone who doesn't live with you.

### YOU DID NOT OR COULD NOT GET TESTED

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#### YOU GET SYMPTOMS

**GET TESTED.** While waiting on your test results, be sure to stay home and away from others.

#### STILL NO SYMPTOMS

Complete your 14-day quarantine starting from the day you were last exposed to COVID-19.

### YOU GOT TESTED

#### YOU TESTED NEGATIVE

**Quarantine** and stay home for 14 days since you were exposed to COVID-19. If you **MUST** go out, wear a mask and stay 6 feet away from anyone who doesn't live with you.

#### YOU TESTED POSITIVE

**Isolate** and stay home until 10 days have passed since you first got symptoms; 24 hours have passed since you had a fever (without medication); and your symptoms have improved.

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#### YOU DID NOT OR COULD NOT GET TESTED



**After your quarantine or isolation is over, you can resume normal activities. But don't forget to wear a mask!**

\*People are **contagious** two days before they started having symptoms until at least 10 days after they started having symptoms. People who have no symptoms are considered contagious starting from two days before they got tested, through at least 10 days.

\*\***Symptoms** may include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, body aches, headache, sore throat, and [other symptoms](#).

\*\*\*A **false negative** test result is when the test result is negative when you actually are infected with COVID-19. This may happen when you test too soon after your exposure, and there is not enough virus in your system to be detected. Avoid a potential false negative by waiting approximately 6-8 days from when you were first exposed before you get tested.