

# ANSWER THE CALL

## CONTACT TRACING SLOWS COVID-19

**C**ontact Tracing is a tool that can help slow the spread of COVID-19. If you test positive for COVID-19, your local Health Department will ask about individuals who you have had close contact with. Your Health Department will then notify those individuals indicating they may have been exposed. This process is anonymous and confidential.



### WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU RECEIVE A PHONE CALL FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR CONTACT TRACING?

- Conversations with health department staff are confidential. This means that your personal and medical information will be kept private and only shared with those who may need to know, like your health care provider.
- Your personal information including your name and contact information will not be shared with those you came in contact with. The health department will only notify people you were in close contact with (within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) that they might have been exposed to COVID-19.
- Health department's do not request financial information or immigration status.

### CONTACT TRACING HELPS PROTECT YOU, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR COMMUNITY BY:

- Letting people know they may have been exposed to COVID-19 and should monitor their health for signs and symptoms of COVID-19.
- Helping people who may have been exposed to COVID-19 get tested.
- Asking people to self-isolate if they have COVID-19 or self-quarantine if they are a close contact.

[michigan.gov/Coronavirus](https://michigan.gov/Coronavirus)

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